

1981 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Mac's the man, says Rudi

Victorian schoolteacher Bobby McLachlan is the man to lead the young Australians in the Coca-Cola world youth championship to be played here next year.

So says national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

He is expected to recommend to the Australian Soccer Federation that it appoints McLachlan as national youth coach.

Joe Vlasits, who led the Socceroos in their 1968 World Cup campaign, is the other leading candidate for the post. Ron Tindall of Western Australia may also be in the running.

Now it depends upon whether the ASF executive will vote according to State loyalties and prejudices or whether it will agree to the wishes of Gutendorf.

"McLachlan is an expert at handling youth players," Gutendorf told NSW and Victorian pressmen last week. "He has an

understanding of the players, a real feeling for youth soccer. At training he is tough, he demands discipline. He gets things done."

"It is McLachlan who gave us players like Eddie Krncevic, George Christopoulos and Greg Woodhouse. They were in his Australian Schoolboys squad that toured North America in 1978."

"From there, and on his recommendation, I took Krncevic, Christopoulos, Woodhouse, Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Danny Moulis and others for my national youth team."

"So you can see that Bobby is a big part of the national team's success."

McLachlan has an impressive record as player and coach.

He played for APIA, George Cross, Croatia (Vic) and Box Hill, has coached Makedonia, Albion Rovers, Footscray J.U.S.F., Juventus (Vic), Brighton, Sunshine City and his present club, Green Gully Ajax and was assistant coach of both Heidelberg United and Victoria.

He coached the Victorian schoolboys as well as the Australian schoolboys. He teaches at Caulfield Technical School.

He has taken Ajax into the State League top four for the first time.

The man in charge of the Australian youth team will lead the young Socceroos against 15 other finalists from 3 to 18 October next year.

Group matches will be in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide, quarter-finals in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney and Newcastle, semi-finals in Sydney and Melbourne, the third-place play-off in Melbourne and the final in Sydney. — LAURIE SCHWAB



\$6 million move off

The world's No. 1 player, Diego Maradona, called off his planned move from Argentinos Juniors to Barcelona of Spain when the Argentine F.A. stepped in and loaned Argentinos Juniors \$400,000 to pay Maradona until the end of 1980.

The transfer would have involved a world record transfer of \$6 million, a \$2 million signing-on fee, the 15 per cent due to Maradona (almost another \$1 million) and a host of other benefits.

Maradona had been playing without a contract and had said he would leave for Spain if no solution was found.

His lawyers advised him of the lengthy court case involved had he gone ahead with his stated intention of taking the Argentine F.A. to court over a ban on his transfer until after the next World Cup.

Maradona would have won his case against the Argentine F.A. but the football association could not have been forced to grant him an international clearance certificate.



Diego Maradona

Hello,
hello
hello,
what's
this
then?



Allan Maher



George Potter

Maher, Potter first to 100

By BRUCE WADDELL

Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher and Brisbane City player-coach George Potter are poised to become the first centurions of the Philips Soccer League.

Barring injury or sickness, Maher and Potter will register their 100th appearances (purely PSL League matches and excluding Cup games and semi-finals) on Sunday.

Maher will reach his milestone in Marconi's home game against Newcastle United and Potter's 100th appearance will also be in a home game, when Brisbane City meets Blacktown City.

There were naturally 26 League matches in each of the first three years of the PSL and this weekend will be round 23, making a total of 101 matches.

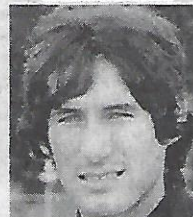
The two outstanding personalities will then have missed only one full match each. Maher stepped down for the first time only a few weeks ago when he was unavailable because of sickness.

Whereas Maher's 100 games will all be full appearances, Potter's will be made up of 97 full games and three part appearances.

There are several other

players who overall have made more than 100 appearances in league, cup and top four's games. Apart from Maher and Potter, they include Heidelberg's Pat Bannon and Canberra's Danny Moulis.

But Maher and Potter are the first two to reach the mark in actual home and away PSL games.



Yakka Banovic

\$120,000 Banovic

Heidelberg United goalkeeper Yakka Banovic became the most expensive player in Australian soccer when he transferred to English Second Division club Derby County last week.

The transfer fee is at least 45,000 pounds (about \$85,000) and it could be as high as 65,000 (about \$120,000).

Heidelberg spokesman Ollie Norris revealed that Derby County would pay Heidelberg:

- 20,000 pounds when Banovic's contract is signed;
- 12,500 pounds on 1 December;
- 10,000 pounds if Banovic plays 10 senior games;
- 10,000 pounds if he plays 20 senior games.

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LAURIE SCHWAB

The travel agency handling Australia's proposed world tour in November has struck difficulties resulting in alarmist predictions that the tour will be scrapped.

ASF secretary Brian le Fevre however, is confident the Soccerroos will get away. "It's not easy getting matches, especially matches to suit coach Rudi Gutendorf who does not particularly want to play against club sides, but we'll get the loose ends tied up soon" le Fevre said.

What the Soccerroos need more than anything is to play against strong Asian teams like South or North Korea, Malaysia, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, even Iran which would not be a particularly pleasant stopover at the moment.

Such games would show the Soccerroos how good or bad they are by World Cup standards and how to strengthen their weaknesses.

Joe Vlastakis and the Soccerroos of 1967-69 benefited from playing against New Zealand, South Korea, Malaysia and Japan before the 1969 qualifying series.

Similarly, Rale Rasic's Soccerroos played against Iran, Israel, New Zealand and South Korea overseas, and Israel at home before their 1973 qualifying programme.

Those two Australian teams did very well against the Asian sparring partners. Subsequently, Australia failed by only a goal to reach the 1970 World Cup finals, and of course qualified for the 1974 finals.

The next crop of Soccerroos did not do as well in the few matches they had against sign-

ificant Asians — drawing with Indonesia and Israel away for example, drawing twice at home with Israel and even losing to Hong Kong and Fiji.

Those results were the symptom of the sickness that resulted in Australia finishing second-last in the 1973 World Cup qualifying series.

Gutendorf's Soccerroos were undefeated in China and Taiwan, and in the Oceania Cup but the games were against mainly weak opponents. The only match against a significant team from this region resulted in a 1-1 loss to New Zealand.

That was early on, and probably could now be reversed but the important thing is that the Soccerroos need more such matches, providing the top Asians are willing to show their hand against us.

Australia 1 (Cole 58th) Mexico 1 (Castro 67th) at Olympic Park, crowd about 8000.
Australia: Woodhouse 6 — Perry 8, Yzendoorn 8, Henderson 7, Tansey 8 — Sharne 8, Christopoulos (Senkalski 9, 34th), Barnes (Jankovics 8, 34th), Krncevic 9 — Boden 8, Cole 8.

Mexico: Cortez (injured, sub Rodriguez 9, 30th) — Fuentes 9, Tena 9, Vazquez 9, Manzo 9, de la Torre 8 — Gonzalez 7 (Tapia 75th), Manguia 7, Luna 6 — Azuara 6 (Cristobal 62nd), Castro 6.

Referee: Bambridge 5
Cautions: Azuara, Vazquez, de la Torre, Gonzalez (Mexico); Barnes, Henderson (Australia).

The world tour presented the Soccerroos with their only opportunity to meet the giants they will have to contend with in the World Cup.

In purely statistical terms, the present-day Soccerroos are the most successful we have had apart from the Rasic team.

The table on this page tells the story.

However, until we get the chance to measure ourselves against Iraq, Iran or the Koreans, the figures will mean little in practical terms. Even as they stand, they indicate little improvement since 1967.

After two successive draws with Mexico, we must face the stark reality of having had six successive games against three different opponents without recording a victory.

The last win was the 2-1 against AC Milan in Sydney.

We couldn't really expect to beat England or Northern Ireland but it is a shame we blew it against Mexico.

The conviction of Mexico's coach Raul Cardenas that Australia is tactically and technically better than New Zealand which beat the Latins 4-0, is some consolation, but it's results that will count in the World Cup, not encouragement.

The Soccerroos have to win at home against teams that will be as defensive as Mexico was in Melbourne.

Iran was equally as defensive in Melbourne in 1973 and went home with an 1-0 victory through a breakthrough goal, just as Mexico was able to clinch its 1-1 draw last week.

The Soccerroos dominated the match against Mexico to a greater extent than I can remember them dominating any opponent at home.

But they did it mainly by rushing headlong at the opposition with little thought.

At least sometimes they should have varied their play by holding the ball and pushing it around among themselves in midfield to try to draw the Mexicans out of defence.

But they didn't, so the Mexicans kept up to eight men in and around the penalty area most of the time which made it extremely difficult for the Australian forwards.

But, to be fair, it was only bad luck that prevented the Australians from turning that constant pressure into convincing victory.

Murray Barnes, for example, should have scored from Eddie Krncevic's cut-back in the 16th minute but blasted high over the bar instead.

Four minutes after half time Krncevic sent Cole galloping away on a pass out of defence. Cole passed forward to Ken Boden who played it back into Cole's path for a low shot which goalkeeper Ignacio Rodriguez somehow managed to turn for a corner.

In the 66th minute a pass from Jim Tansey sent Peter Sharne into the clear on the

This table shows Australia's performance in the period preceding the World Cup qualifying series of 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1981.

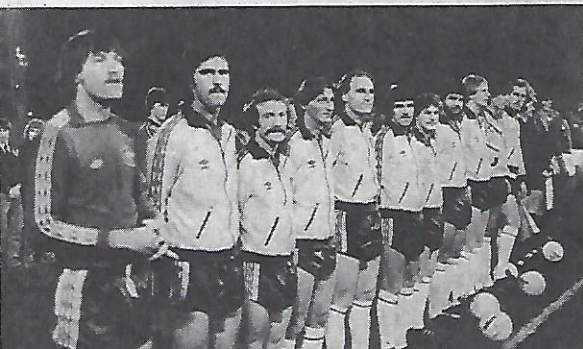
The figures show the number of matches, percentage success rate, average number of goals scored per game and average number of goals conceded per game.

We have split the games played into

	'66-'69	'70-'73	'75-'77	'78-'80
v. European and Sth American teams	7 games 28.5% .7 for 1.4 ag.	15 games 33.3% 1 for 1.5 ag.	28 games 26.8% 1.2 for 1.9 ag.	17 games 29.4% 1 for 1.9 ag.
v. Asian teams (incl. NZ & Mid. East Oceania)	13 games 88.5% 3.4 for 1.5 ag.	21 games 85.7% 2.2 for .8 ag.	13 games 76.9% 1.6 for .8 ag.	12 games 87.5% 3.8 for .9 ag.

games against European and South American teams, and against Asian teams (including New Zealand) to give a truer comparison between each period.

The games against Asian teams in the current period includes the Oceania Cup tournament, where the 11-2 victory against Papua New Guinea contributed heavily to the high average number of goals per game.



Australia lines up, from left: Greg Woodhouse, Murray Barnes, Steve Perry, Peter Sharne, Jim Tansey, Ken Boden, John Yzendoorn, George Christopoulos, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

left but while Sharne's square ball into the box beat all the Mexican defenders, there wasn't a forward handy to put it away.

Tony Henderson hit the crossbar with a header and a sizzling long-range shot by Boden was turned over the bar by Rodriguez even though he was well off his line.

The big improvement in this second match against Mexico was in the way the Soccerroos gave each other closer support, thus enabling them to keep possession through inter-passing. This type of play had been almost totally non-existent in the 2-2 draw in Sydney.

One inspired passing movement resulted in Australia's goal in the 58th minute. Tansey started it at left back and went crossfield via Krncevic to Joe Senkalski whose cross into the

middle was shot high into the net by Gary Cole on the turn.

But Australia also made some foolish defensive mistakes, just as it did in Sydney. Henderson, for example, lost the ball to Jose Luis who dashed clear into the penalty area. Luckily Greg Woodhouse reacted quickly and came out to pounce on Gonzalez's feet.

Yet Woodhouse stood glued to the ground, off his line, caught by surprise by Ricardo Castro's 25-meter shot that levelled the score in the 67th minute.

The Australian defenders had very little work to do in this game, but that's no excuse for losing concentration.

Just a word about the refereeing. Sure, it was difficult for both Tony Boskovic in Sydney and Chris Bambridge in Melbourne because the tackling was worrier of Roman gladiators than soccer players.

Yet in Sydney, Boskovic failed to award a penalty when Boden clearly was fouled inside the area, he was not tough enough to show Manzo the appropriate red card when he kicked both legs from under John Yzendoorn.

In Melbourne, Bambridge justifiably flashed yellow cards galore as Boskovic had in Sydney but he would not take the responsibility of sending Henderson off for that jumbo jet tackle on Castro. Nor would he send off goalkeepers Rodriguez and give the appropriate penalty when Rodriguez kicked Gary Cole.

Eddie Krncevic was the star of both games against Mexico. In Sydney he started as central

striker and went to the left after half time to make room for Mark Jankovics. In Melbourne where Gutendorf used Boden and Cole as twin strikers, Krncevic played at left midfield from where he started attacks galore and pushed up also for shots and to challenge in the air around goal. His work-rate in both games was higher than that of any of his team mates.

Mexican coach Cardenas, not surprisingly, named Krncevic as the Australian who had impressed him most.

The two matches provided Gutendorf with no clear-cut answers in his continuing search for the right combination.

John Yzendoorn was successful as sweeper in Melbourne, but even more so when he played midfield in Sydney.

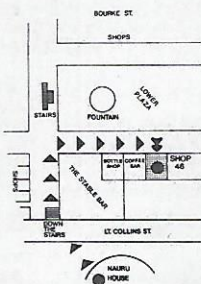
The midfield remains a problem. Murray Barnes worked hard and was fairly effective there in Sydney but not in Melbourne. Tony Henderson was a midfield failure in Sydney but did a lot better as stopper. Ken Boden is much better up front than in midfield. George Christopoulos was taken off after only 34 minutes in Melbourne.

Gutendorf concedes he needs a defensive midfielder. He's considering Henderson for the role, in which case Jim Muir may return as stopper, as Gutendorf likes Muir's tough style. He also likes Arno Bertonga who wasn't given a run and I still see Bertonga as the better stopper and I hope he proves himself on the tour.

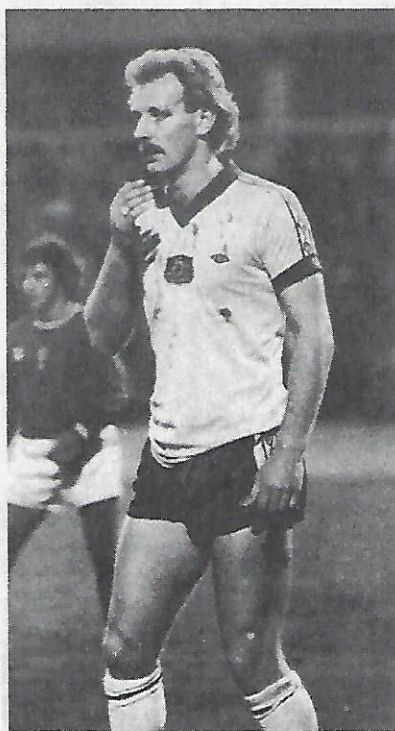
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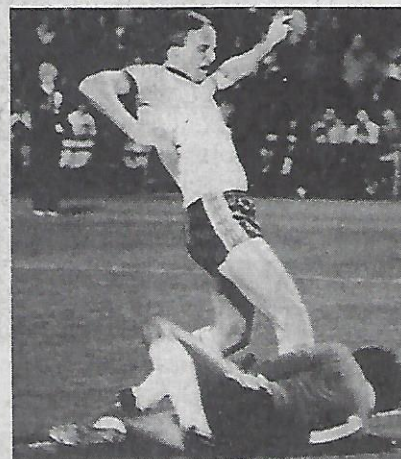
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Mexican goalkeeper Gregorio Cortez went to hospital with a suspected fractured arm after Gary Cole had crashed into him. The pictures by Les Shorrocks show Cole's approach and execution.

Joe Senkalski was so good in Melbourne after coming on as a substitute that Gutendorf referred to him as Australia's Wolfgang Overath.

Mark Jankovics also was good in midfield in Melbourne but he clearly prefers playing up front and not having to pick up men.

What's the answer to the midfield problem, where the possible combinations will increase in number when Jimmy Rooney returns?

It's Gutendorf's problem. I'm glad it's not mine.

He does have the players who can do it. Cole and Boden worked together very well

as twin strikers. Sharne's explosiveness makes him a must in this team, although he should sometimes try to cut inside rather than being pushed exclusively down the line. Krncevic is indispensable whatever position he occupies. Henderson and Barnes are useful stoppers against strong teams that use twin strikers, and Yzendoorn has shown he can fill Ivo Prskalo's sweeper's position or play in midfield.

The tour will further define the top eleven but I suspect that purely because of the multi-purpose nature of these players, we will see varying line-ups even in the World Cup.

Socceroos appearance and goalkeeping records:

FULL INTERNATIONALS

- 62 Wilson.
- 58. Abonyi
- 53. Rooney
- 49. Schaefer, Baartz
- 43. Warren
- 39. Alston
- 34. Utjesenovic
- 32. Richards
- 31. Vojtek, Mackay
- 30. Ollerton
- 29. Bennett
- 28. Corry, Ackerley
- 26. Harris
- 23. Watkiss
- 22. J. Nyskohus, Kosmina, Buljevic, Curran
- 21. G. Byrne
- 20. Harding, Barnes
- 19. Keith, McColl
- 18. Clarke, Muniz, Williams
- 17. Tansey
- 16. Tolson, Sharne
- 15. Reilly, E. Campbell, Westwater
- 14. Maher, Marnoch, Krncevic
- 13. R. Hogg
- 12. Woodhouse
- 10. Blue, Stone Henderson

TOTAL APPEARANCES

- 115. Wilson
- 99. Rooney
- 88. Abonyi
- 72. Schaefer
- 62. Warren
- 61. Utjesenovic, Alston
- 60. Richards
- 59. Baartz
- 55. Ollerton, Bennett
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- 33. Corry
- 31. Watkiss
- 30. Buljevic, Ackerley
- 29. Maher
- 25. Sharne
- 24. E. Campbell
- 21. Keith, Jankovics, Krncevic
- 20. McColl, Henderson.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS

- 25. Abonyi
- 18. Basartz
- 13. Ollerton
- 8. Vojtek, McColl
- 7. Alston, Sharne, Buljevic
- 6. Krncevic, Kosmina, Warren
- 5. Hunter, Richards, Mackay

TOTAL GOALS

- 36. Abonyi
- 21. Baartz
- 20. Ollerton
- 17. Alston
- 15. Krncevic
- 13. Vojtek
- 12. Kosmina
- 11. Buljevic
- 10. Richards, Harding
- 9. Warren, McColl
- 8. Sharne, Cole



Peter Sharne weaves past Juan Antonio Luna (left) and Ricardo Castro.

Rudi thought he'd been sacked

Rudi Gutendorf thought he'd been sacked when he turned up at Mascot Airport last week to fly to Melbourne

with his team for the return match against Mexico.

"The ASF hadn't booked a ticket for me," he blustered as he finally flew in, hours after his players had arrived.

"I had to make my own booking, but the plane was full," he said. "So I had to wait there for another flight, while the players left by themselves. It's unbelievable!"

Still problems but World Cup closer

Mexico's two-match series against the Socceroos would have been the most useful part of our World Cup aspirants' preparation for their forthcoming battles on the road to Spain.

This much can be stated unequivocally, in spite of the many doubting Thomases, who didn't see much sense in these encounters.

The crowds may not have been the biggest ever, but the standard of the Mexicans certainly is not in the top European class... so what? Our Latin visitors are outstanding examples of the sort of hurdles we will have to clear — and clear cleanly and with confidence — if a berth in Spain is to become more than just a mirage.

With this in mind, it must be admitted that the confrontation was a long way short of being a resounding success.

There were some grave and important shortcomings in Australia's performance.

Perhaps the most significant was highlighted at the post-match Press conference in Sydney when Mexican coach Raul Cardenas was asked if he found anything unexpected in the tactics the Socceroos employed.

Our polite visitor responded by telling the gathering of what he had expected from the Aussies and how he prepared to counteract the perceived threat.

Which is a very polite and circumspect answer of "no" to the question.

And he was probably right! The tactical repertoire of the Socceroos does seem somewhat threadbare at the moment, most noticeably in the attacking third of the field.

Mostly it is confined to an incessant pumping of long, high balls into the penalty area with monotonous regularity which becomes quite easy to counteract.

There are exceptions, when sudden flashes of unexpected genius manifest themselves but, alas, much too rarely.

This is significant, because against the expected mass defences prevailing in international football nowadays, there will have to be constant variation of attacking play to find a way through to goal.

Anything less will be considered child's play by at least the better teams in Asia.

Technically we also have a problem, especially in heading.

Australia simply does not have a player at the moment who, under pressure in the air from uncompromising defenders (or even on his own) is able consistently to present a danger with well-directed, powerful, or finicky headers.

That, of course, makes the overuse of high crosses into the penalty area largely a waste.

Rudi Gutendorf cannot do much — or even a little — about this problem.

The time to teach Australian soccer players the technical skills of the game is not when they reach the Socceroo squad but many years before.

However, the limitations must be recognised and the tactics tailored to fit them.

No good asking an amateur musician to conduct like Toscanini; the same applies in sport.

Still on the same subject, the eternal curse of Australian soccer remains — the inability to cash in on gilt-edged sitters.

This could prove to be a very costly shortcoming during the months to come.

Incidentally, spare a thought for the coach of a Phillips League team, who last week confessed to me that no less than eight members of his squad are simply incapable of kicking a soccer ball to a distance of 30 metres or more.

And, he wasn't even talking about direction or accuracy, only about booting the leather away into the wild blue yonder.

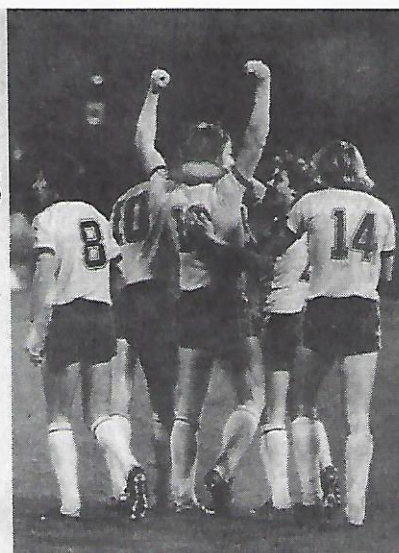
Back to the Mexican series, it had some positive aspects, too.

First and foremost, Australia went into the encounters firm favorite and justifiably so.

This means that long gone are the days when allcomers had to be faced with trepidation, such as the likes of Kuwait in the last World Cup campaign.

This is Rudi Gutendorf's greatest achievement and, because of his work — as much off, as on the field — Australia has an excellent chance of mounting a serious challenge for a place in the final 24.

The ASF must also be congratulated for providing Gutendorf and his players with the number of international matches, against varied opposition and often at a great financial cost, necessary to



Gary Cole makes his characteristic gesture of triumph after scoring for Australia. He is congratulated by, from left: Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, John Yzendoorn and Mark Jankovics.

make our campaign a viable one.

Obviously, there were areas of friction with the PSL, but they can be avoided in future by taking a leaf out of the books of overseas federations and initiating long-term forward planning of international commitments.

The ASF should be signing up international matches for 1983 already and until this is done, the current problems will continue to occur with monotonous regularity.

Sad about Gerry Chald's

falling out with West Adelaide, but I don't see too many problems for him in the future.

He is still the "winningest", and certainly one of the best, coaches in the nation — and you can't keep a good man down.

In fact, don't be surprised to hear that several clubs are literally falling over each other trying to secure his services for 1981.

I just hope they will have more patience in allowing a professional to do his job than West Adelaide did.

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HEIDELBERG 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McMillan 7, Provan 8, P. Bannon 9, Tansey 7 — Campbell 7, Solemidis 6, Rooney 6 — Cole 5, Paton 5, Boskias 5.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — Dodds 8, Jones 8, Russell 9, Perin 8, B. Nyskohus 8 — Muniz 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Malta 7 — Northcote 7 (Mitchell 70th), Barnes 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Middle Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — V. Bannon 8, Lutton 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Kalafatidis 9 — Rogers 5, Christopoulos 6, Wright 8 — Cummings 6 (Kakantonis 65th), Evans 8, Campbell 8.

J.U.S.T.: Potter 5 — Kyriakoulas 5, O'Reilly 5, Kondarios 6, Milne 5 — Picioane 5, Iloski 7, Jovanovic 8 — Vasic 4 (Petrov 75th), Belic 6, Lujic 4 (Simic 69th).

WEST ADELAIDE 2 CANBERRA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Alan Crisp.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 — Tymyszyszyn 8, Toplanski 6 (Maric 46th 7): Forde 6, Bozanic 7 — Carruthers 5, McGachey 5, McGregor 5 — Manecas 8, Norris 6, Honeyman 6.

CANBERRA: Wilson 5 — Moulis 7, R. O'Shea 7, Milovanovic 8, Williams 7 — Cole 8 (Giampaolo 71st), T. Byrne 8, J. O'Shea 7 — Valeri 7, MacLaren 7, Brennan 7.

BLACKTOWN 0 APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Gabbi Stadium. Ratings by David Clark.

BLACKTOWN: James 6, Harris 6, Stowell 6, Pointer 7, Tunbull 7; Selvaige 7, O'Donnell 7, Hormazabal 5; Hunter 7, Wilkinson 6, Lzatt 6.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6, Pullen 6, Dempsey 6, Wilson 6, McGinn 7; Butler 7, C. McAusland 6, Coyne 6, Morsello 7, Pirie 6, O'Connor 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI 0 at Richlands. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS — Lovnds 7, Ontong 9, Bennett 8, Hermiston 9, Niven 8, Lindsay 7 (Inj. Wilson 83rd), Hogg 8, Hughes 6, McNaughton 7, Millman 8, Verweij 6.

MARCONI — Maher 9, Brogan 8, Muir 5, Prskalo 6, Cant 8, Byrne 7, Henderson 6, Raskopoulos 5 (Lindsay 45th, 7), Sharne 6, Jankovics 5 (Mariani 66th), Krncevic 6.

SYDNEY CITY 2 BRISBANE CITY 1 at the Sydney Athletic Field. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7 (sub Souness 61 min 7), Thomson 8, Bruce 8, Stevenson 7, Watson 9, Boden 8, Smith 6, Spanos 6, Gomez 6, Trenter 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart (sub Coe 32nd min 7), Potter 7 (sub Brusasco 42nd min 6), Perry 6, Palinkas 7, Pimblett 6, Conner 7, Low 7, Caldwell 7, Kelso 6, Hamilton 6, Wilkinson 7.

Leading averages:

8.2 Hermiston (BL).
8.1 V. Bannon (SM).
8.0 Reaney (Newcl), Barnes, Watson (SC), Crook (WA).

7.9 Bennett (BL), Milovanovic (Can), Boland (Foot).

7.8 Ratcliffe, Perry (BC), Tansey (H'berg), Boden (SC), J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Maher (Mar.).

7.7 Ontong, Hogg (BL), McMillan (H'berg), G. Campbell (SM).

7.6 Jones (AC), P. O'Connor (APIA), D. Cole (Can), Kondarios (Foot), Yzendoorn, P. Bannon, G. Cole (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), Mullen (SC).

7.5 Muniz, Dodds (AC), P. Wilson (APIA), Wishart, Potter (BC), Niven (BL), Paton (H'berg), Drinkwater (Newcl), S. O'Connor, Stevenson (SC).

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20. Cole (H'berg).
13. Jankovic (Mar).
11. J. Nyskohus (AC), Paton (H'berg), Krncevic (Mar).
10. P. O'Connor (APIA), Buljevic (SM), Bodin, Barnes (SC).
8. Kelso (BC), Millman (BL), Duarte (St Geo), Stevenson (SC).
7. C. Barnes (AC), Wilkinson (Black), Giampolo (Can), Vasic (Foot), Sharpe (Mar).
6. Valeri, T. Byrne (Can), G. Campbell, Evans (SM).
5. J. Campbell (H'berg), Jones (Newc), Manecas (WA).
4. Hunter, O'Donnell (Black), Bozakis (H'berg), G. Byrne (Mar), Heys (Newc), Smith, Trenter (SC) Kosmina (WA).
3. Mitchell, Fashanu (AC), Samuels, Harding (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), McGregor (BL), J. O'Shea (Can), Piccione, Lujic, O'Leary (Foot), Rooney (H'berg), Vieri (Mar), Rogers, Christopoulos (SM), E. Campbell (St Geo), Honeyman (WA), Senkalski (Newc), Watson, (SC), Palinkas (BC).

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7.5 Woodhouse (APIA), Giampolo (Can), Bertogno (Newc).
7.2 Maki (AC), Moulis (Can).
7.1 Christopoulos (SM), Spanos (SC).
7.0 Hunter (Black), Selemidis (H'berg).

MIKE JOHNSON spoke last week about some of the ideas of **RIK BOOTH**, managing director of the **ASF's** new marketing division. Johnson believes that the **ASF** hierarchy must address itself to important questions concerning the proposed changes to the **PSL**. Let's not jump on the American bandwagon without caution is Johnson's message. This is the concluding part of his article...

Think deeply before using that scalpel

- How will grounds recover if they are being played on all year round as was proposed?
- How will soccer players fare in the heat of Adelaide and Brisbane and occasionally Sydney in mid summer, even of an evening?
- Will our top soccer players become like bats who only come out at night (some already have been compared with kangaroos that are unable to survive anywhere else in the world).
- What will happen to the traditional values of soccer if it is taken over by business as a means to sell motor cars, cat food and the like?
- Is Mickey Mouse soccer the real thing?
- Is this the only way top soccer can hope to grow in this country?

This final question is the one which our administrators must consider deeply before they embark on any drastic surgery to our game.

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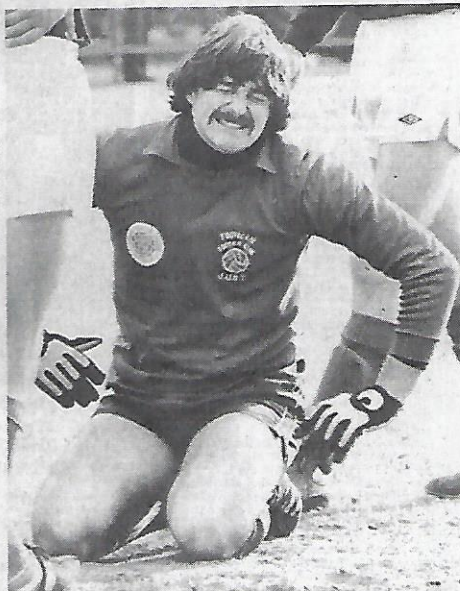
I would like to see more full-time administrative managers and less full-time coaches in the Philips League.

However, I do not like the thought of businesses taking over clubs and making them just another division of their overall operation which they may transfer interstate depending on the business circumstances.

The thought of Blacktown City being sold lock, stock and barrel and transported to say Footscray in Melbourne does not appeal to me. That is what happens in America.

When sporting clubs become financial tools of big business there are many inherent dangers. These are just some of the thoughts that have occupied my mind since the drastic nature of the proposed changes to Australian soccer were put to me.

There obviously needs to be some profound thinking and careful research done before any such changes are even tabled by the ASF, and then they will need to be examined and thought through most deliberately before any action is considered.



Oh the agony! Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper gets up gingerly after colliding with Duncan Cummings of Hellas. Pictures by LES SHORROCK



Alun Evans slots Hellas' third goal past Steve Potter.

Ille out, Rasic to go

Rocco Ille's reign ended last night (Tuesday), Rale Rasic has given notice at Adelaide City. Cedo Cirkovic is poised to return and Willie Wallace and Mick Jones are pondering their future as the coaching merry-go-round gathers momentum.

Jones, coach of Blacktown which is still in relegation trouble, said: "I have only four games to go on my contract, so I'll listen to any proposals that come along."

Despite denials by the APIA hierarchy, rumors persist that Rasic will replace Wallace there next year.

There are two stories about Rasic's departure from Adelaide City. One is that he wants to return to Sydney because the headquarters of his Australian Soccer Camps are there. The other is that Adelaide City can no longer afford Rasic's big salary.

J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac was recommending to his committee last night that Ille serve out his contract with the club's Second Division team or with the juniors.

Kovac and Ille had a heated confrontation in the dressing rooms at half time of the match against Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

Kovac ordered forward Dragan Vasic to take off his shirt because he wouldn't be playing in the second half. Ille told Vasic to put his shirt back on. Then Kovac apparently told Ille that if he didn't like it, he could go as well.

Ille said on Monday he would see his solicitors.

Ille, former star forward with Yugal and Pan Hellenic, was appointed early this season.

J.U.S.T. has been trying to persuade former coach Cedo Cirkovic to take back the job he vacated voluntarily mid-way through last season.

J.U.S.T. lost Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas and Andrija Ristic from last season's team and sold Peter Ollerton to Makedonia a few weeks ago. The team was hampered by injuries to Jim Kondarios, Slobodan Jovanovic, Mirko Rujevic and Joe Piccione but Ille engineered some good early victories that insured against possible relegation. — LAURIE SCHWAB

J.U.S.T. must win or give soccer away

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If J.U.S.T. can't beat West Adelaide at the Western Oval this Sunday it should give soccer away.

West is one of the worst teams in the PSL and should be intangible of matching J.U.S.T.'s fierceness led by Kiril Kiriakeles, Jim O'Reilly and Jim Milne.

Dragon Vasic has been disappointing mainly due to his poor finishing but he gets the chance to partly atone for previous blunders against a West defence that has conceded 40 goals this season.

Zdravko Lujic will think all his birthdays have come at once when he confronts Peter Tymczyszyn who is not as tough an opponent as Arthur McMillen or Vince Bannon, two of Lujic's foes in recent weeks.

West Adelaide fans think that Martyn Crook is the best thing since sliced bread and the West keeper will have to be good to keep a clean sheet.

J.U.S.T. should record a good win and anchor West Adelaide to one of the bottom two spots on the ladder, forcing Wests to apply for membership of the revamped 1981 PSL.

Sydney City's title aspirations will come under fire at P. ce Stadium when the Slickers face up to John Brown's Canberra.

The \$50,000 fiasco that Canberra incurred with the buying of Walter Valeri, Sebastian Giampolo and Tony Brennan could well turn into an astute investment in seasons to come but the return from suspension of Sydney City defender Steve O'Connor gives the Slickers back four the solidity necessary to stem Canberra's forward thrusts and Ken Boden, one of the most skillful players in the land, should keep Sydney City's flag flying up front and create insurmountable problems for Canberra defenders Mike Milovanovic, Roy Stark, Harry Williams and Danny Moulis.

Sick and sorry St. George have the unenviable task of tackling Heidelberg which will not allow Raul Blanco's boys to stand in the way of a PSL championship and God help St. George's defence because it seems incapable of helping itself.

John Yzendoorn is quickly establishing a name for himself as one of Australia's premier defenders and the support he gives to his team mates in Heidelberg's back four spells doom for St. George's hopes of scoring.

Yzendoorn moves up well and his disposal is first class so St. George may opt for stacking its defence, hoping to frustrate Heidelberg and grab a point but such tactics are a waste of time because they've been tried before and have failed as evidenced by the Bergers position on the PSL ladder.

In other games Adelaide City should knock off Hellas, Brisbane City could bag a few goals against Blacktown, APIA may have to be content with a point against Brisbane Lions and Marconi should continue its drive toward the top of the table with a victory over Newcastle.

Weekend's games with likely winners and previous results:

IN SYDNEY
St. George v HEIDELBERG at Barton, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - StG 2-1, 2-2. 1978 - StG 4-1, 2-0. 1979 - Heid 1-0, 2-2. 1980 - Heid 4-2. Advantage St. George 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 14-11.

APIA Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 2-1, BL 2-1. 1980 - BL 2-1.

MARCONI v Newcastle at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 - Mar 4-2, Newc 1-0. 1979 - Mar 2-1, Newc 2-1, Newc 2-1. 1980 - Mar 1-0. Advantage Marconi 3 wins, 2 losses. Goals: 8-6.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v Hellas at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - AC 2-0, 0-0. 1978 - Hellas 5-0, 1-1. 1979 - AC 3-0, Hellas 1-0. 1980 - Hellas 2-1. Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 9-7.

IN MELBOURNE
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v West Adelaide at Western Oval, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - WA 1-0, 1-0. 1978 - J.U.S.T. 2-1, 2-2. 1979 - WA 5-0, 1-0. 1980 J.U.S.T. 2-0. Advantage West Adelaide 4 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 11-6.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra v SYDNEY CITY at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 2-1, 0-0. 1978 - SC 3-0, 2-1. 1979 - SC 3-1, 2-1. 1980 - Canb 2-0. Advantage Sydney City 5 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 12-6.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE CITY v Blacktown at Perry Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: Blacktown 3-1.

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Slickers hit top spot

SYDNEY CITY 2
BRISBANE CITY 1

Scorers: Sydney City: Joe Watson 3rd, Gerald Gomez 8th. Brisbane City: Joe Palinkas 5th.
Cautions: Mark Trenter, Mark Brusasco.
Ground: Sydney Athletic Field.
Conditions: Difficult.
Weather: Windy.
Crowd: 1502.

Referee: K. Allan 7.
Sydney City overcame a number of problems to win this difficult clash and regain its lead at the top of the PSL table.

The Slickers went into this one without key players Murray Barnes, who was on university duty, and Hilton Silva and Steve O'Connor who were suspended.

Add to this the fact that Kevin Mullens and Mark Trenter played with injuries, it was a commendable effort by the competition leader.

The Slickers tried everything to get big Soccerro Barnes to this game from a university assignment in the bush.

They even offered to charter a helicopter to fly him into Sydney an hour before the game and back to his study camp in the bush after.

Barnes is at present studying environmental science at Macquarie University and is on a field study mission for two weeks.

The University authorities however, refused City's helicopter plan and Barnes had to content himself with studying rocks instead of breaking up Brisbane attacks.

And on top of all its missing players, City went into this game with the knowledge that its nearest rival Heidelberg had dropped a point the evening before and a win would take it to the lead in the competition.

There was also a gale force wind blowing down the Sydney Athletic Field.

However the patched up team soon hit the front and with the wind at its back, beat the lead in the 3rd minute from a very fine goal by the elegant Joe Watson.

Watson received a deflection splitting pass from his skipper Lodie Thomson and made no mistake with his finishing effort.

Five minutes later Sydney increased its lead to 2:0 when Gerald Gomez hit a great shot from all of 30 metres that gave Brisbane goalkeeper Kim Wishart no chance whatsoever.

At this period it looked as if the floodgates had opened and the Slickers were poised for a field day.

But this was not to be and Joe Palinkas nipped in and deflected the leeway in the 15th minute with a glorious header from a Willie Conner cross.

The Queenslanders then had two unfortunate mishaps when they lost goalkeeper Wishart and captain-coach George Potter through injuries.

This clearly upset their rhythm and despite being a goal down, they looked to have a completely negative approach.

The Slickers had a flood of possession and dictated play for most of the game.

Unfortunately for them they could not turn this into goals and the scoreline remained unchanged.

Late in the game big striker Terry Smith missed two golden opportunities when well placed in front of goal.

The Slickers also had an unfortunate break when Kevin Mullens was forced to leave the field with a recurrence of his stomach muscle trouble.

This was a valuable Slickers win with such a dilapidated team.

Once again their strength in reserve power was the force that pulled them out of a tough spot.

And, with all their stars back in action for the run in they must now be firm favorites to take the 1980 PSL title.

Brisbane City, despite its loss is quite a talented team and it is indeed surprising to see it struggling in the relegation zone.

After the game Eddie Thomson complimented his players for their fighting ability and determination.

"The pressure was on in this one and the character and courage of the players was on the line," Thomson said.

"They responded to the challenge in a magnificent fashion and I'm very proud of them."



West eases fear of drop

WEST ADELAIDE 2
CANBERRA 0

Scorers: Tymczyszyn, Maneos.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Weather: Fine and hot.
Crowd: 3212.
Referee: R. Lorenz 5.

West Adelaide eased its PSL relegation worries with a scrambling 2-0 win over Canberra City at Hindmarsh Stadium today.

After looking the more impressive side, Canberra conceded a penalty early in the second half and was punished with a second goal in the last minute.

Canberra was the more positive side and served a first half lead but was denied a score by West's international goalkeeper Martyr Crook, who again confirmed his reputation as Australia's best.

Walter Valeri stood out in the Canberra forward line and gave West's defence a nightmare in the first half.

And Duncan Cole underlined Canberra's first half superiority with a scorching 20 metre drive that bounced off the cross-bar.

After a shaky first half, West Adelaide showed more aggression on after the break and came close immediately with a flying header from Portuguese star Maneos.

West's eventually broke the deadlock in the 53rd minute when Maneos was brought down in the penalty area and Peter Tymczyszyn scored from the penalty spot.

Valeri looked set for an equaliser in the 68th but his sizzling free kick was brilliantly saved by Crook.

Canberra coach John Brown sent on Sebastian Giampolo for Cole almost immediately afterwards.

But the talented forward could not give Canberra the break, it wanted despite a final 20 minutes of pressure.

Manecos clinched the match against the run of play when he sprinted from the centre of the ground and calmly slotted the ball past goalkeeper Richard Wilson from 10 metres.

Despite the win, West Adelaide's new coach Billy Birch said his new squad still had plenty of work to do to avoid relegation.



Martyr Crook — busy man against Canberra.

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Maher in top form

BRISBANE LIONS 0
MARCONI 0

Ground: Lions Stadium.
Weather: Fine and hot.
Crowd: 3212.
Referee: R. Lorenz 5.

Marconi's steps towards the retention of its PSL title took only a stuttering pace forward when it escaped with a lucky scoreless draw in this clash with a more determined Brisbane Lions at the Lions Stadium.

Lions were hoping they face an equally unimpressive Marconi when the teams meet again in the Philips Cup semi-finals on September 10.

Marconi's players looked jaded in the hot conditions and no doubt some of the Soccerroes were feeling that way after being kicked to pieces in two matches against the Mexicans.

It's not often you see players like Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Jankovic replaced during a Marconi game, but Les Scheinflug took that action in this one, and would have been most unhappy with the team's performance.

If Rudi Gutendorf improved the national team's defence by removing Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo, then Scheinflug should consider doing the same to his Marconi defence.

The two were split open regularly, Prskalo often could not cope with the speed and aggression of Ron Millman and Muir lost the ball in vital situations to let Lions up in attack on countless occasions.

Iony Henderson was also guilty of giving away possession and on the day, the most valuable Marconi servants were midfielder Gary Byrne, fullbacks Peter Brogan and Jimmy Cant and keeper Allan Maher.

Had it not been for Maher's segments of sheer brilliance, Lions might well have won this game three or four nil.

Lions' Nigel Lownds, recalled after a long absence, apart from safely snaring a few hopeful Marconi crosses, was a very quiet day and the Lions' backline was rarely in trouble.

It was definitely a better performance Lions exhibited against Blacktown City in the previous round and although all four defenders played exceptionally well, the two stars were again libero Jim Hermon and the gutsy Paul Ontong.

A measure of Lions' dominance in this game was shown when Hermon, Ontong and Alan Niven often were able to move away from their stations to mount forward moves, something which usually proves suicidal against Marconi.

Lions made all the running in the first half and had Alan Hughes not missed two good chances on the six yard line, it might have been a different story.

A header from Millman and a shot from Gerry Lindsay were only fractionally wide, Maher saved a difficult John Verweij shot and the best Marconi could offer in this game were two wayward attempts by Raskopoulos and Eddie Kraviec.

But it was that man Maher who saved the day for Marconi in the first six minutes of the second half.

Firstly, Maher was not needed when McNaughton robbed Muir again and set up Millman, who easily shook off Prskalo and hammered a left footer inches wide.

Seconds later, McNaughton put Steve Hogg in the clear and Maher had to react quickly to deflect the shot over the bar.

From the resultant corner, another inswinging from Niven, Maher again reacted incredibly and virtually came from nowhere to pluck down a splendid Hughes header from the six yard line. We won't see many better saves this season.

The only time Lions were really troubled in the second half was when Henderson cleared to find Sharpe springing along the right, but his cross was about to find substitute Bertie Mariani, Ontong flashed in to whip it away for a corner.

Finally Millman did manage to elude Maher with a header after Ontong had crossed perfectly from deep on the right, but the ball struck the crossbar and was cleared.

Maher decided to rough up Millman's ear after the clash and was lucky not to give away a penalty.

Richard Lorenz, who had what could be described as a casual match, chose to ignore

Kalafatisidis in fine comeback

Sth Melb Hellas 3
Footscray Just 0

Scorers: Evans 14th and 51st; Wright 34th.
Ground: Middle Park.
Weather: Windy and rainy.
Crowd: About 3500.
Cautions: Lujic (F).
Referee: Henry Witschge 9.

Had Hellas not slacked off in the second half, the score may have been twice as great. J.U.S.T. was a beaten team after Alan Evans had scored the first goal in the 14th minute, even more so when it was 2-0 at half time.

The eruption in the J.U.S.T. dressing room, where coach Rocco Ili was, for all intents and purposes, sacked, further undermined J.U.S.T.'s performance but Hellas did not take advantage.

George Campbell, who had been the match-winner in the first half, produced only a percentage of that effort after the break and there was insufficient midfield support for the forwards.

Some of the Hellas players admitted afterwards they coasted in the second half.

For Hellas, the most pleasing aspect must have been the fine form of Chris Kalafatisidis.

The full back who represented Australia against Greece in 1978 had been on the bench for most of the year, unable to dislodge Alan Davidson.

Even when Davidson was injured a few weeks ago, it was Bertie Lutton who got the left back position — not Kalafatisidis.

But Lutton played poorly there in the 3-3 draw with Brisbane City, so he was returned to his usual sweeper's role and Kalafatisidis was brought in for the scoreless draw with Canberra and again last Sunday.

But Kalafatisidis had not been idle. He's been player-coach of the Hellas Second Division side as well as sitting on the bench for the first time.

Against J.U.S.T. he "murdered" Dragan Vasic, he slotted in cleverly behind his defenders when they moved up and he had a hand in two goals.

It was the Kalafatisidis-Campbell combination that put J.U.S.T. on the road to ruin in the first half.

But J.U.S.T. played well for the first 15 minutes. Vasic's head missed Jim Milne's long forward ball into the box in the fifth minute and Slobodan Jovanovic and Joe Picione were playing some classy stuff in midfield.

Jovanovic was to continue being J.U.S.T.'s best player but Picione faded.

J.U.S.T.'s best chance came in the 10th minute. Vlatko Belic tackled Campbell at a piece for free kick and started a fast counter-attack that went via Picione to Zdravko Lujic. Lujic kept running and was beaten by Kalafatisidis instead of squaring the ball for Zoran Ilioski who was making a great run through the middle, unmarked.

In the 14th minute Bertie Lutton won the ball in defence and sent it forward via Sammy Wright, Vince Bannan, Alan Evans and George Christopoulos, but Jim Kondarios kicked it away from Christopoulos's feet inside the area. It went wide to Campbell, who was the closest to the goal.

Even then, J.U.S.T. would have equalised had Lujic connected with the ball after Kiri Kyriakopoulos's free kick had floated over the Hellas defence.

J.U.S.T. had another chance when Vince Bannan repelled a Kondarios header out to Picione who shot first-time but over the bar.

Then Hellas took over. Billy Rogers' header hit the side-netting and was headed home by Evans off Steve Potter and Milne, billiard-style.

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J.U.S.T. started the second half with Belic, Jovanovic and Lujic combining for a Lujic shot that hit the side netting, and with Belic heading down inside the box to Vasic who was blocked by Lutton.

Hellas almost increased the lead when goalkeeper Potter went down to Campbell, who headed the ball into the goal.

But Potter made a good save a few minutes later when he got his feet in the way of a shot by Cummings in a break engineered by Evans and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

J.U.S.T. was being caught repeatedly because its defence was pushing up to the half line.

Jim Kondarios had switched from his centre-back position to the forward line and Ilioski had dropped back to defence. Coach Ili said afterwards he had made the change because Kondarios felt he could perhaps help J.U.S.T. to score.

Hellas coach John Margaritis replaced Cummings and George Christopoulos with Sergio Kakantonis and Steve Balic and sent Xanthopoulos from defence to midfield.

He took off both his strikers, Vasic and Lujic, and brought on Paul Sinic and Chris Petrucci.

Campbell mislaid as he aimed at the open goal after Potter had dropped a high ball and had failed to gather it in under pressure from Kakantonis and Campbell hit the post in the last few seconds.



Title hinges on two matches



Pat Bannan

HEIDELBERG 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0

Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 3043.
Cautions: Northcote (AC), Provan (H).
Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.

This draw cost Heidelberg league leadership and probably ended any hopes Adelaide City had of reaching the top four.

Heidelberg dropped to second place, replaced at the top by Sydney City.

Remaining matches of the top three teams, with home games in capitals, are: Sydney City v. Canberra, FOOTSCRAY, Adelaide City, ST. GEORGE.

Heidelberg v. St. George, MARCONI, Newcastle City v. Newcastle, Heidelberg, SOUTH MELBOURNE, West Adelaide.

The championship appears to hinge on two games: Sydney City v. Adelaide City and Heidelberg v. Marconi. If Sydney City beats Adelaide City, a difficult task in Adelaide — it should win the championship (providing it overcomes the Newcastle hurdle).

But if the Slickers lose, and if Heidelberg manages to defeat Marconi, the title may after all come to Victoria for the first time, though the prospects no longer look bright.

Adelaide City coach Rasic started with a plan to counteract Heidelberg's deadly striking duo Jamie Paton and Gary Cole.

David Jones beat Cole and Bobby Russell had a superb match as Paton's marker and the lynchpin of the defence.

Paton had one shot at goal and Cole had none.

Adelaide City played much the better soccer, bringing the ball out of defence through sweeper John Bannan, goalkeeper Jeff Oliver and stopper Bob Provan who stood in for suspended John Zenden.

Provan played a no-frills, safety-first stopper's game and by winning the ball in a scramble in the penalty area just before the end he probably prevented a goal. But there is no doubt that Heidelberg suffered from Zenden's absence.

Left striker Barnes cut up Heidelberg's defence in the first half and was unlucky to have a free kick blocked by Oliver's reflex save.

In the second half Glen Dodds dominated the right side for Adelaide City and throughout the match sweeper John Perin assisted in building up attacks.

Jim Rooney, back after injury, was conspicuous and Jim Campbell was marked by Sergio Melia when he tried to push forward.

Heidelberg's third midfielder, Theo Seledis, faded after a sensational opening, leaving Heidelberg with only the occasional midfield build-up.

The rest was a succession of hopeful long balls from defence, which were intercepted by Russell, Dodds, Jones or Buggy Nyshkus.

But for all of Adelaide's smart play, it rarely had the numbers in attack to work past the Heidelberg defence which was covered in all positions by hard-working captain Bannan.

There were very few scoring chances at either side.

A long pass in the first half that looked like sending Cole away on a breakaway run lost its effectiveness when the linesman flagged offside although Perin was five metres ahead of Cole.

John Nyshkus met a Barnes cross with a spectacular diving header but he got too far underneath it and could not direct it properly.

Nyshkus had another chance when he hit a clearance from Arthur McMillan first time after Melia had played it into the penalty area, but the shot went over the bar. And in a breakaway in the 72nd minute, Oliver somehow managed to block the ball with his feet as

Referee the star

BLACKTOWN 0
APIA-LHARDT 0

Ground: Gabble Stadium
Crowd: 3148.
Referee: D. Nugent 8.

With both teams perched on top of a "maybe-maybe-not" relegation zone you would have thought that both Blacktown City and Apia-Leichhardt would have played with more conviction to secure the valuable two security points they need to dispel any lingering fears of relegation.

As it turned out neither team wanted to be the one to make the commitment and take its chances and the result — 0-0 scoreline just about summed up the relative boredom of this game.

It was a classic "no contest" encounter. No goals were scored, no substitutions were made, no cautions were issued and no-one starred in this draw match. Even the corner kicks were evenly distributed.

In blustery conditions that were more convivial to an American's Cup challenge than a game of football, the final scoreline was a repeat of an equally boring match earlier in the season that marked the first encounter of the Phillips League new boys, and 3148 disappointed fans made their way home convinced that an alliance must have been formed between the two teams.

Blacktown City's Australian youth Soccerro Ian Hunter and Leichhardt's Tony Morrell were the only players who attempted to change the score-board but both suffered the fate of the conditions.

Hunter tried long shots in an attempt to catch Australian keeper Greg Woodhouse off-guard but the ball acted like a ping-pong ball in a bingo shoot and ended up anywhere. Morrell's attempts had the same result but his misses were, on each occasion, from close range.

Woodhouse and his opposite number Bruce James had, on reflection, little to do at all, although on one memorable occasion James came rushing out to collect a cross, missed by a mile, and struggled back into position while the Leichhardt attack and the Demons' defence were busy.

As can be expected with such a result, both defences were equally matched and the experience of Wilson, Dempsey and McGinn for Leichhardt and Harris, Turnbull and Stowell for Blacktown negated any entertainment from the tag team of Hunter and Paul Wilkinson, Morrell and the vastly experienced Billy Pirie.

The midfield was yet another department where the two sides were equally divided although Stewart "Smur" Selvaie must get the award again for covering every blade of grass.

This terrier of a player has improved the once shaky Demons' engine room beyond recognition and, together with former Leichhardt player Brian O'Donnell, has removed the "easy kicking" tag from the Blacktown City team.

With both clubs being relatively non-committal about their respective coaching posts for the 1981 season, this result didn't enhance the chances of the present incumbents.

The task was fairly obvious before the kick-off — two points means safety and an assurance of PSL status for 1981.

Motivation of players is talked of with gay abandon in other codes and the results are self-evident. It was missing from this match and perhaps the question mark hanging over both Mick Jones of Blacktown and Willie Wallace of Leichhardt and their respective clubs' non-commitment on their futures, filtered through to the players.

The game, in conclusion, did have one bright spot and that was the efficient handling by Brisbane referee David Nugent. How pleasing it was to see a match controlled without histrionics and delusions of grandeur. Quiet words on the run and the ever-present smile were quite a change!

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Arok back if Saints are saved

By ALEX VESIC

Ferenc Arok, one of the most disappointed men at St George, left for his native Yugoslavia last week but should return for the beginning of next season providing Saints stay up.

Amid confusion surrounding his arrival, the cries of "Saviour is here" and "Ferenc and miracle worker" the ex-coach of St George came to see his old side in action.

"I was terribly disappointed," said Arok as he was packing his bags, getting ready for his last trip with the team to Newcastle.

"As you can imagine, the club that had Schaefer, Warren, Harris, Utjesenovic, Abonyi and many others, the club that was the backbone of the Australian national team for years, had to have a fair team even though so many years have gone by.

"I just could not foresee the Saints before my arrival playing this type of soccer. It just never entered my mind."

Why would he come back? Surely that would be asking for trouble. St George is just a shadow of its old self and Arok would need at least three years to get the team back to the top, but he appears to be aware of the problem better than would expect from a man who spent only two months in Australia this time. "I know that if I take Saints it would be a very difficult risk indeed. In fact I would need at

least two years to blend a number of players in to this team. Then you might see the old Saints back on top within three years," said Arok.

With only four games left after a defeat at Newcastle it is now evident that Saints will bite the dust. It is very difficult seeing Saints recover despite the fact that theoretically it is possible.

The only remaining chance of salvaging some pride would be to get to second-last spot and hope for the vote to go their way.

But the chances of St George staying up are remote. The pressure to have only four teams from Sydney in the Philips League is tremendous and of course only those that finish in the last two will be considered for the drop.

"They might enlarge the League," commented Arok, "that is the most reasonable thing. At the moment we are playing 26 weeks of competition and including some representative games you are looking at something in the order of 30 to 32 weeks per year. What about the other four months? The League must be increased and two more clubs brought in."

Well, that does not necessarily rule out the possibility of Saints getting the chop, since there are so many applicants for the National League — from Tasmania, from Perth, from Wollongong, not to mention the ideas that some State League clubs have in Victoria and N.S.W.

"St George is a club of great tradition and at the moment has a number of young talented players sitting in the lower grades desperately looking to break into the big time. Buying players is fine, but if you have a young talented player inside your own home, you don't go around buying average players for inflated prices. It is with these players that I would hope to get Saints back on the road, providing the ASF and the Philips League decide on the increase and St George stays in the top echelon of Australian soccer, Arok said.

His attitude toward the club was not only one of a soccer coach. Of Hungarian descent Arok has many friends among the hierarchy of the club. The challenge is there and he is well aware of it, but still insists that he was shocked to see that none of the club officials realised the potential of a



The most successful first team squad in St George's history, winner of the 1972 NSW Ampol Cup, Inter City Ampol Cup, Premiership, and Premiership goalscoring champions. Back row, left to right: Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harry Williams, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhasz, Barry Harris, Brendan Grosse, Alan Ainslie. Front row: Denis Donovan, Mike Denton, Atti Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny Warren, Frank Arok (manager-coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Jimmy Fraser.

number of young players in Saints' junior ranks.

"Our under 15 side won the grand final the other day and I watched them. I found it my duty to be there to look at these budding stars. Great clubs will always depend on the youth policy, with the buying budget reserved strictly for star players. Those young kids gave me a lot of heart. If anything they have

swayed me in favour of choosing to come to Australia again, providing we stay up. At least two or three of those boys must find their way into the first grade within the next two years," said Arok.

Would that be the way to rebuild the team, I enquired.

"Certainly. To build the team you do not go looking for players from seven different countries and think that you will be able to mould them into a team. It is a long and difficult process. The side should basically consist of the local products. That is the way to build the team spirit or, as we used to call it, love for the club colours. You must remember Bird, Morgan, Treasure, Harris, all of whom were youngsters who deserved a chance

and I was around to do it. If you miss a player at the age of 17, you can forget him. He will turn to another code or fade away completely. The job of the coach is to find those people and give them his knowledge and get them on the way. The rest usually falls into place with good and sound management."

Are you suggesting that Bianco made a mistake buying a number of average players who might have interfered with the progress of the talented youngsters at St George?

"I wish to make no comments about Mr Bianco. We have a different approach to the game and that is all I can tell you."

What is the basic ingredient for success?

"Discipline and professional attitude towards the game. I still remember the day when Schaefer was late for the Ampol Cup final and was left out of the team, or the day when Johnny Warren did not get a game against Hakoah for being late. They were true professionals and took it well. The discipline and the morale in the club was at a great level. They were the ingredients which promoted professional attitude."

Time to go and I set sail for home, while Ferenc Arok sits back in his chair to take a rest from packing and also to note down a few points that came out of our discussion. He is preparing a paper about the team and the plan for reincarnation of the old giant — St George.

McKendry's made me

I was never really coached until this year. Quite honestly, there are too many coaches who have made a name for themselves, probably due to having great teams to work with, but who do not coach properly.

Now, at Heidelberg, we go out onto the field knowing what is required from us and we are very well prepared. Too many coaches are poor demonstrators of match situations but this is where Len McKendry excels.

He has helped me greatly and he stresses that I must look up more so as to be more aware of where I am on the field and to improve my vision.

It's good to be coached at last. I didn't start playing soccer competitively until I was 13 which is a late age at which to start.

Previously I played Australian Rules football until pressure from my brothers and my cousin, Arthur Xanthopoulos, turned me to soccer.

I joined Hellas and played at under-15 and 16 levels and when I was 15 I played in the reserve side.

I was turned off Hellas by Manny Poulakakis after overhearing him saying how he wondered why the club was bringing little squirts like me to train with the first team.

I didn't think I would have much chance of senior selection so I joined Heidelberg and in my first year I trained with the first team squad and was on the bench at a number of home games.

The same situation occurred in my second year at Heidelberg but in the second half of that season I played my first full senior game against Adelaide City.

The main problem I was up against was the lack of interest shown by our coaches in promoting junior players. Not enough time was spent on developing us.

At the end of 1978 I was given a chance to try out with the national youth team and I was selected in the squad.

The experience of going into training



Ivo baffled

It's Jim Tansey's sense of humour that has enabled him to breeze untroubled through 35 games for Australia since 1975 under Brian Green, Jim Shouler, Rudi Gutendorf and stop-gap coaches Tony Boggi and Eric Worthington.

The Tansey insanity, inspired by John Cleese and "Monty Python" also helps to keep his team mates in good spirits.

Our guide at an ancient tomb near Peking announced that the emperor buried there was dug up by archaeologists after some 1000 years.

"He was dead, then?"

And, as an afterthought: "Was his Timex still working?"

He's been trying to turn Yugoslav-born team mate Ivo Prskalo on to the absurd without much success.

"The whole team went to see 'Life of Brian' before the game against AC Milan in Sydney," Tansey says. "There were pumping from my eyes. Gary Cole was under the chair, uncontrollable, and Ivo was saying: 'I do not understand this Brian.'"

a better player

On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint

Theo Selemididis

amps proved invaluable because you would eat and sleep soccer and it was my first taste of professionalism.

The Australian team went to New Zealand for a world youth championship games and I was voted the player of the tournament. It was a big confidence booster and also helped me gain recognition.

But I haven't had as much recognition as other young players and I am not the only one.

Peter Treddinnick has tremendous potential. He is an intelligent player who reads the game well.

He is another who hasn't received much publicity though his club Newcastle should help in this regard.

The next step in my representative career was the South American trip for the World Youth Cup qualifying tournament in Paraguay.

This was something I had never experienced before as the weather was so hot and the training so rugged.

Our task was difficult when you consider that the host nation, Paraguay, had a player called Romero who was voted by the South American Press as runner-up of the South American Player of the year award and his team-mates were not far below his standard.

I think my youth team experiences provided me with the stepping stone to full national honours because I suspect that Rudi Gutendorf kept a close watch on me.

Last year I was included in the senior national squad at a time when I was struggling to get a regular game at club level.

Manny Poulakakis had been instated as coach of Heidelberg and although I wanted to give him a chance I wasn't keen on my own prospects under him.

Then a conflict developed between us and he left me out of the team, telling me that I wasn't in the same class as the other midfielders in the club.

It was very depressing for me because I had struggled for two years to get into Heidelberg's first team and when I thought that I had finally made it I couldn't get a game even though I had been selected for my country at senior level.

But during this year's Ampol Cup I think that Manny said that he had made a mistake and just before he left Heidelberg to take up his Juventus appointment his attitude toward me was a lot different.

Things are looking up at Heidelberg now in many ways.

I have grown up in Australian soccer so it is hard for me to compare it with overseas soccer but I can see an improvement in the professionalism of our club.

When we were at Fitzroy the conditions were terrible and many Third Division District League clubs had better facilities.

Now at Olympic Village the training conditions are a lot more respectable.

Heidelberg's playing standard has improved due to the length of time during which we have been playing together and better coaching.

Len McKendry is terrific. Other coaches spoke in general terms without giving basic instructions about what you were required to do. The players at Heidelberg get along

well together and this is important because there is nothing worse than back-biting.

Many coaches build a name for themselves and whenever a club sacks a coach it says OK, who do we know that is available.

Usually it is these name coaches who get the jobs.

But there is a relatively unknown man who coached me as a junior at Hellas and currently coaches Provisional League Division Two team Mordialloc and I consider him to be the best junior coach I've seen.

His name is Oscar Montalva and he is a former Chilean international who came to Australia to play with Hellas late in his playing career.

I must give him great credit for my development as a junior because he spent a lot of time with me and he taught me the importance of discipline.

If things were not going right for me during a junior game and if he thought that I wasn't trying hard enough he would not hesitate to replace me after only 10 minutes.

He wanted me to fight harder and to compete more and his lessons have stayed with me throughout my career.

I can't say much about Australia's chances of getting to Spain because I don't know what we are up against but if I am in the squad I will be giving a 100% toward our efforts to make it.

We've had some fine international results this year and any win against overseas sides should be considered a fine achievement.

I have an axe to grind when it comes to the Australian Press because I get annoyed at how contradictory they can be.

It's funny how certain people get so much undeserved praise and others get nothing, even though they deserve it.

There seems to be a lot of favoritism involved. Just look at the ratings after each game.

These ratings often are a load of rubbish and although some Pressmen may know how to rate players, others haven't a clue.

During one of West Adelaide's games this year John Kosmina was substituted by Gerry Chaldi, Wests' coach at the time.

Chaldi obviously substituted Kosmina because he didn't feel he was doing a good job but "Soccer Action's" ratings gave Kosmina nine out of ten.

I've got to the stage where I completely disregard the ratings because I think they are often unfair.

But that's enough of my gripes because I have my future to consider and I have things I aim to achieve.

I want to stabilise my position in Heidelberg's first team and I have no plans to go overseas.

I want to go as high as I can in Australian soccer and for this season my sights are set on winning a championship medal with Heidelberg.

There are players such as Jimmy Rooney and Branko Buljevic whom I really respect but I have to aim to be better than them.

Don't get me wrong, but if you aim to be as good as them you will most likely never get there.

To be half as good as them would be no disgrace but you have to aim above them to provide the motivation that may one day get you close to the top.

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Dunne holds on

Votes for the General Tourist Best Player Award, a return trip for two to New Zealand.

FRANKSTON v CROATIA
3 — Vally (F)
2 — Blasby (C)
1 — Gardiner (C)

HOKOAH v SUNSHINE
3 — French (H)
2 — Pocock (S)
1 — Edmonson (H)

GREEN GULLY v SUBURBS
3 — Hogben (GG)
2 — Glykokalamos (WS)
1 — Patten (GG)

JUVENTUS v GEORGE CROSS
3 — Curcio (J)
2 — Mizzi (GC)
1 — Maitland (GC)

SLAVIA v CROYDON
3 — Smith (Croy)
2 — McGorian (Slav)
1 — Pongho (Croy)

ALTONA v MAKEDONIA
3 — Faulkner (M)
2 — Craw (A)
1 — Ward (M)

Progressive totals:
27 — Dunne (GG)
23 — Glykokalamos (WS)
20 — Canell (A)

Leading scorers:
14 — Ward (M)
13 — McGuinness (J)
12 — McMillan (M)
10 — Wall (F)

8 — Ollerton (M), Gilder (C), Adams (F), McGorian (Slav)

STATE LEAGUE					
MAKEDONIA	23	14	5	1	48
CROATIA	23	11	7	3	44
SS AJAX	20	10	6	4	40
HAKOAH	19	8	5	2	34
JUVENTUS	22	4	7	2	35
Frankston	19	7	6	2	34
Croydon	20	7	5	2	34
Altona	20	4	8	1	33
Geo. Cross	20	6	4	1	31
West. Suburbs	20	5	10	2	37
Sunshine	20	5	4	1	30
Slavia	20	5	3	1	29

State star



Marcos Cabrera (above) scored five goals in four and a half games for Victoria in the national under-15 titles at Box Hill. Marcos, born in Uruguay, is the No. 7 of the Keilor Austria reserves.

Croydon turns company

State League club Croydon will form itself into a limited company.

The main advantages of the move are three-fold, the first involving the transference of liability for any club debts away from committee members or club members.

Croydon aims to develop a stadium off Dorset Road and prospective sponsors will be keen to involve themselves with a limited company which is a more stable way of structuring the club's management.

Under the Companies Act, Croydon will be open to scrutiny which will prompt more efficient auditing and allow the club's board of management a greater degree of control over club affairs.

Team of the week

BLASBY (C)	GLYKOKALAMOS (WS)	GARDINER (C)	VALLI (F)
CURCIO (J)	SMITH (Croy)	MIZZI (GC)	FAULKNER (M)
CRAW (A)	FRENCH (A)	MCGORIAN (A)	

Two months ago, this Sunday's Juventus-Green Gully Ajax clash would have been a good indicator of top four prospects for either side.

Now, Gully is on the threshold of achieving its aim for 1980 by securing a top four berth whereas Juve's financiers must be scratching their heads in disbelief at the way their money has been unwisely spent. Juve paid \$10,000 for Mendo Ristovski but Gully nabbed four players for that amount — Jimmy Dunne, Grant Smart, Gerry Bennett and Bill Morrey.

Money madness will be put into its true perspective when Gully's "cheap" team takes on Juve's wealth of talent at the Gilton Oval and I'll put my two cents on the "cheaps" to toss the toffs. Shacking Bobby McGorian is the biggest problem facing Gully coach Bobby McLachlan and young David Hogben could get the nod against Juve's candidate for top scorer honors.

A win to Gully would reaffirm the necessity for Juve's brains trust to have a long rethink about this season's fortunes.

Western Suburbs' late is in their own hands when they take on Frankston at Schintler Reserve on Sunday and Jimmy Condilis will be looking to Steve Carr and Kit Grechan to break through Frankston's defensive barrier led by Nick Lowe and Danny McCuskey.

Bill Whiteside's experience has been a bonus for the Baysiders and many club members dream about the possible change in the club's 1979 fortunes had Whiteside been available to stem the dramatic late season slump which cost Frankston its first State League championship.

Marian Jaworski and Mike Glykokalamos will give little away against Bob Adams and Kevin Wall, while "Daxi" Kypridis is no slouch and could nullify Bruce Young's bursts down the left wing, if he is fit to play.

A draw would be a good result for

Suburbs and could ensure their survival in State League and give them time to use this season's experience to develop a stronger squad for 1981.

Sunshine is a far cry from the side that burst into the State League limelight, finishing fourth alongside Hellas, Alexander and J.U.S.I. in pre-PSL days.

Johnny Cunningham, Ray Pocock and Jim McKelbert proved to be a fearsome combination but today's strikers lack the bite and service needed against well-organised defences.

Croydon's Alan Pongho has been a tower of strength as sweeper and a fine complement to Steve McCombe's aerial ability.

The Shiners can look forward to another gloomy afternoon and Croydon should take both points.

In other games Hakoah should defeat Altona, Makedonia should destroy George Cross and Croatia must surely stroll past Slavia taking both points in the process.



Our guest tipster this week is Croydon sweeper ALAN PONGHO (pictured). Alan's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Frankston v HAKOAH at Ross Reserve, Wednesday (tonight), 7.30 pm.
HAKOAH v Altona at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Juventus v Green Gully (draw) at Gilton Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.
MAKEDONIA v George Cross at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
Western Suburbs v FRANKSTON at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
CROATIA v Slavia at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.
Sunshine v CROYDON at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Green Gully's outstanding sweeper Jimmy Dunne blew his chances of winning the Rothman's medal when he was sent off by referee Joe Slaats after a "professional" foul on Western Suburbs forward Kit Grechan.

Slaats had no hesitation in giving Dunne his marching orders although the former Elre international had not received a yellow card before the incident.

Juventus was reported to be considering taking sole selection rights out of the hands of coach Manny Poulikakis by meeting last Friday night seems to have resolved the matter.

Juventus president George Penzo said that the club had been considering taking pressure off Poulikakis by installing a selection panel involving Penzo and team manager Enzo Bottari.

Rumour is rife that Poulikakis is planning to take legal action against Penzo for comments made in the press last week.

I have been involved in discussions with Poulikakis and Penzo and it seems that there is some disagreement as to the legal validity of Poulikakis's agreement.

In answer to Penzo's press comments about Poulikakis, the Juventus coach was guarded but said:

"I will continue to offer my services to the best of my ability according to the verbal and written agreement I have with the club."

Makedonia has been using the expertise of former APIA, Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander, Croatia and Melbourne keeper John Kennedy in a specialist coaching capacity.

Kennedy and first team coach Brian Edgley are renewing a partnership that flourished when they played together with Ringwood Wilhelmia.

It is believed that Kennedy will be signed by Makedonia in an official capacity as specialist coach for next season.

Top four dreams are at stake when Hakoah and Frank-

Dunne out, Manny in wars

Sunshine was fighting for its State League life against Hakoah last Saturday.

The Shiners are faced with playing Croydon and Croatia in their final games and unless a miracle occurs they appear to be doomed to relegation.

Coach Jim McIntyre probably would have been disgusted with Sunshine's spiritless performance against Hakoah.

The Shiners were 1-0 down at the interval after playing into a fierce wind and it looked as though the second half would go their way and a draw at least seemed a distinct possibility.

Chris Kent drove the first nail into the Shiners' coffin on the stroke of half time after Frank Mussels seemed to overstretch when attempting to cut out a low cross from the right and the incoming Frankston defender, drove a hard, low shot inside the far upright.

Graham French having a fine second half, broke from the half line in the 84th minute, skinned Steve Ellis who has tried to intercept Hakoah's bustling striker, then proceeded into the Sunshine area where Wilf Langhorne tripped him just as he prepared to shoot. French didn't connect cleanly with the resulting penalty but he sent young Dale Wood the wrong way to complete the scoreline.

Wood looked slightly shaky in the first half, especially when confronted by Kent's high, curling crosses but overall the youngster did well and was the one shining light in an otherwise lifeless Sunshine display.

SLAVIA 2 (McGorian 2) CROYDON 3 (Smith, Loughnane, Pye o.g.)

SLAVIA: Pougles — Haput, Lawson, Houghton, Cullen — Brindle, Whiteside, Coe (in, Pye 35th), McGorian, Griffiths, Wade.

CROYDON: Edwards — Brown, Pongho, McCombe, Murphy, Loughnane, Doornik, Howarth, Wyllie — Brogan, Smith.

Croydon coach Norm Hobson made a couple of changes to his line-up aware of the danger of sending his side out into the vast nothingness of the Showgrounds to play in front of 23 spectators and a dog.

"It's hard to motivate yourself in the terrible atmosphere there," said Hobson, "and I was worried that we might relax against Slavia and pay the penalty."

Croydon almost paid dearly in a game which featured five strange goals according to slavia manager Tony Vrzina.

"There was something irregular about each goal," the Slavia manager said.

"My defenders were certain that both of Croydon's first half goals were offside, our first goal came from a harsh penalty decision, our equaliser looked to be offside and Croydon's winner came after David Pye was clearly fouled on the goal line."

Croydon took a 2-0 lead into the interval after playing against a fierce swirling wind and stunning the home side with a tremendous volley from Duncan Smith and a fine solo effort from Peter Loughnane who dived to go wide before cutting inside and slanting a hard low left foot shot

from 10 metres that gave Elvio Pugliese no chance.

A penalty in the 48th minute was converted by Mick McGorian who equalised in the 88th minute when he broke clear and slipped the ball past Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

Pye was standing on the goal line in the 78th minute when a curling shot from Dave Brogan had beaten Pugliese and dropped quickly.

Pye chested down and as he tried to control the ball the incoming Smith crashed into the Slavia left back and the ball and Pye ended up over the goal line.

ALTONA 2 (Gramsberger, Whyte) MAKEDONIA 3 (Ward, Lucchesi, Ollerton pen.)

ALTONA: Massani — Lewis, Cannell, Gramsberger, Wilson — Watters, Kelly (Little 70th), Innes — Craw, Whyte, Hoyland (Murphy 80th).

MAKEDONIA: Kastner — Rainey, Flavell, Higham (in, Booth 70th), Faulkner, McMillan, Lucchesi (Cunningham 75th) — Ward, Ollerton, Lesbirel.

Altona became the only State League side to score four goals against Makedonia in league games this season when it was beaten 3-2 at Kim Reserve.

Within 25 minutes the visitors were 2-0 up.

Cy Ward opened the scoring when Claude Lucchesi played the ball inside and Ward beat one Altona defender then let fly with a right foot shot from the edge of the area that took a slight deflection before rocketing into the net.

Jeff Faulkner, wide on the left, chipped to the near post, Ward flicked a header on and Lucchesi rose to head in the second goal.

Altona came back when a corner by Rob Craw was flicked on by Kevin Kelly on the near post and Rob Gramsberger headed in.

The ball was headed out by a Makedonia defender and Billy Whyte headed it back in but after-match arguments were settled when Gramsberger was awarded the goal from the initial header.

Peter Ollerton scored his eighth goal from seven full games when he made no mistake from the penalty spot after Eric Lesbirel was brought down inside the area.

Altona coach Joe Wilson was upset by the decision because he felt the referee had awarded an indirect free kick and as his players were forming a wall the referee pointed to the spot.

Altona's hard running was rewarded late in the game when Billy Whyte challenged Lou Kastner after a high cross by John Little and when it seemed that an infringement would be given, the goal was awarded with Whyte later claiming that he had made contact with his head as he challenged Kastner.

JUVENTUS 1 (McGuinness pen.) GEORGE CROSS 0

JUVENTUS: Reilly — Curcio, Munro, Creamy, Tarquinio — Smith (Cino H.T. Cavallari), Sabidoal, McGuinness, Gillan, Heary.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos — Vella, Belic, Castiello, Maitland, Wilson, Papas — Zeigelaar (in), Papas 75th, Cowan, Morgan.

Damien Moran must still

be trying to work out the intricacies of his incredible miss when confronted with an open goal no more than five metres out.

Cross new comer Charlie Vella was assigned the task of tagging, Bobby McGuinness and did well but for one crucial mistake in the first half.

McGuinness robbed the youngster, ran into the area and was brought down by Laurie Helusic.

The Juve top scorer slotted the resulting spot kick home.

Iony Zeigelaar was involved in two good chances for Cross. The first came when Mick Wilson split Juve's square defence and Iony Zeigelaar ran onto the through ball then blasted a dipping shot from the edge of the box that was palmed high by Juve keeper Jack Reilly onto the cross bar and over for a corner.

Five minutes before half time came Morgan's incredible miss.

Zeigelaar again caught the Juve defence on the hop and he ran in to goal then squared the ball back to the incoming Morgan.

Reilly dived out but only succeeded in palming the ball to Morgan's feet but instead of coolly slotting the ball into the empty net he elected to blast his shot which sailed over the cross bar to let Juve off the hook.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Mancinelli) W. SUBURBS 0

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Hogben, Dunne (sent off 50th), Patskovsky — Vojtek, Bennis, Vazaleto.

When it seemed the chance would go begging Mancinelli, who had been following in, appeared on the edge of the area to meet Morrey's square ball and blast it with a bullet like shot into the net to give Gully a fighting win.

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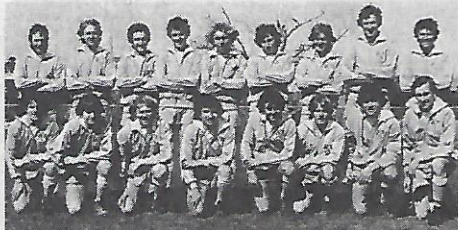
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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



NSW WINS, SKILL MISSING



New South Wales, back row: Ian Holmes (manager), Brett Nelson, Paul Cullinan, Andrew Kozka, Len Vial, Warren Baker, Kevin Limb, Robert Catlin, Alan Edmundson, coach. Front row: Keith James, Steven Waugh, Luke Morley, Seraf Kumsuze, Nick Papas, Martin Stein, John Hardwick, Brett Higgins (captain). Pictures — LES SHORROCK.



South Australian, back row: Graham McMillan, David Wilton, Ian Cole, Brenton Hiern, Les Matyszczak, Dean Townroe, Peter Wallis, Mark Harvey, Mike Kelly. Front row: Robert Knowles, Mick Barnett, John Klein, George Konstantopolous, Mike Fitzharris, Anthony Dorigo, Gerwyn Gough.



A.C.T., back row: assistant coach John Crabb, Chris Lipscomb, David Kruger, Pasquale Carnouale, John Frey, Jason Dunn, Braden Shields, Nick Pomakis, Nick Lasorella, Kunlarn Thongyai, Stuart Devlin, coach. Front: Joe Gaget, David Charlton, Harry Allan, Chris Hummel, Jason Thornton, Andrew Bernal, Paul Crabb, Steve Shannon, Frank Madaffari.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The under-15 national titles at Box Hill ended last weekend with more riddles than a cryptic crossword.

Where was the much-talked-about talent with which Australia's young soccer players recently have been credited?

Who can solve the riddle of the mysterious absence of a Coca-Cola banner?

When did young boys learn about the superstition surrounding team photos before playing?

Why was the Victorian team taken back to its billets at Monash and locked in at 4 pm after being beaten 1-0 by NSW on Thursday?

The dearth of talent was obvious from the physical content of play, with hard tackling and long, high balls the principal tactics of most sides.

NSW won the tournament because it was the only side capable of consistently stringing four or five passes together in difficult weather conditions and on poor playing surfaces.

The tournament fizzled out early due to its round-robin nature, with NSW clinching victory last Thursday when it defeated Victoria.

The one positive factor to emerge was the excellent job done by Box Hill in hosting the competition.

LEADER	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New South Wales	6	0	0	12	0	12
Victoria	4	1	1	15	3	9
S. Australia	3	2	1	9	4	8
W. Australia	2	2	2	4	7	6
Queensland	1	4	4	9	3	3
A.C.T.	0	3	3	16	3	3
Tasmania	0	1	5	11	1	1

Tasmania's brilliant goalkeeper Quinton Darby dives at the feet of South Australia's Graham McMillan.

Goal scorers:

S. S. Gorjovic and M. Cabrera (Vic.)

J. K. James and L. Vial (NSW), A. Falco (QLD).

2. G. Konstantopolous and A. Dorigo (S.A.), N. Pomakis (A.C.T.).

1. R. Falcone, J. Diletti, L. Claxton and J. Italiano (W.A.), D. Howell (Qld).

SUNDAY: ACT 1 Tas 1, Sth Aust 0 NSW 1, Vic 1 W.A. 0.

MONDAY: Vic 2 Sth Aust 2, ACT 0 NSW 4, Qld 2 Tas 0.

Tuesday: Tas 0 NSW 1, Qld 1 WA 3, ACT 0 Vic 6.

WEDNESDAY: W.A. 0 Sth Aust 0, Tas 0 Vic 4, Qld 0 NSW 2.

THURSDAY: Qld 0 Sth Aust 1, NSW 1 Vic 0, W.A. 0 ACT 0.

FRIDAY: W.A. 1 Tas 0, S.A. 4 ACT 1, Vic 2 Tas 0.

SAURDAY: Qld 1 ACT 1, S.A. 2 Tas 1, NSW 3 W.A. 0.



VSF president John Dimtsis presents the Under 15 championship pennant and cup to NSW captain Brett Higgins.

Hat-tricks

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Naser Iminofski, 12, six goals, Chris Georgopoulos, 12 (Coburg).

Glen Farraghi, 11, five goals, Paul Koppin, 11, four goals, Aaron McGowan, 11, four goals, Paul Kane, 11 (Moe Utd), Nathan Woolcock, 11 (Dingell), Bamber Roberts, 12, five goals (Mombuk).

Robert Woodland, 7, six goals, Drew Traylor, 7 (East Bentleigh).

Milo Bebek, 12 (Croatia Sydney), Cameron Aughterson, 11 (Fernree Gully) — no address enclosed, so no certificate can be forwarded.

Zoran Todorovski, 9 (Altona Gate), Todd Wilson, 9, five goals, Evan Priest, 8, Dean Young, 10 (Bayview Primary School), Salvo Priucio, 11 (Fawcett), Michael van Hout, 8 (Pakenham), John Karahalios, 11, six goals (Brunswick City), Alexander Rusmir, 7 (Waverley), Brett Butler, 11, Kurt Lewis, 10, Shane Lalor, 8, four goals (Killarney District), John Anastasiadis, 12, four goals (Meadow Park), John Mangos, 11, four goals (Hedberg Utd), Peter Hangan, 12 (Macquarie Fields Utd), Chris Arzani, 11, five goals (South Melbourne), Pat Reynolds, 14 (Lyndale Utd), Craig Jones, 7, four goals, Neil Brown, 6 (Elizabeth Fields), Tim Driesen, 12 (Sandringham City), Stephen Svaganovic, 11, four goals (Dandenong City), Wayne Sullivan, Craig Fletcher (Churchill United) — no address supplied, diplomas cannot be forwarded.

Darren Bedford, 8, four goals, Ben DeBiaro, 8 (Mooroolbark), Adrian Pargan, 13 (Barwon City), Tony Dirmas, 14, four goals, Edin Subara-Zakic, 14 (Pakenham), 11, five goals, Engbert Schmidt, 8, Kosta Athypis, 8, four goals, Byron Den Hertog, 8, four goals, Geoff Gillard, 8, five goals, Stephen Carter, 8, five goals, Craig Kirby, 8, six goals (Seaford).



Fabio Incantalupo

Incantalupo top player

Fabio Incantalupo of Victoria was voted best player of the national schools championship in Wollongong last week.

Incantalupo, who plays for State League club Juventus, was Victoria's top scorer with five goals.

Victoria, who finished third behind NSW and South Australia, also had four players chosen in the national schools team: Rob Erdeg, Angelo Petrakos and Slobodan Stojceviski.

The national schools team will play a practice match against Rudi Gutendorf's national youth team in November and may tour either New Zealand or Hong Kong in December.

Victoria's results were: v. Tasmania 6-0, v. WA 5-0, v. SA 2-2, v. Queensland 2-2, v. NSW 1-4.

Other Victorian scorers: 4, Erdeg, 3, George Lazarou, 2, John Bitzons.

The team was coached by John Kalinchev.

More details and pictures about the championships will appear next week.

Curran seeks players

Victorian coach Bill Curran is starting to form his squad for the national under-19 titles in May next year.

The boys must be born on or after 1 August 1963 to make them eligible for the 1983 Coca-Cola world youth championships.

With the world titles as a lure, Curran is expecting keen interest in his trials which will start in November.

Curran asks eligible boys to contact him on 534 4112 or 534 4304.

Wheatley v. Woods, Lee

Robert Wheatley, one of the candidates for a fullback spot in Australia's youth team, has a simple philosophy about every youngsters' dream of making it to the big time.

"If you're good enough you'll get there," says Robert.

"Provided you have the talent you will be given a chance to prove yourself but you can't stay in Australia if you wish to develop your full potential."

"You must go overseas to learn new tactics and new styles of play."

Robert plays with Kuringai in the NSW State League and he has already discussed his plans to try PSL soccer with his club officials.

"Kuringai has been helpful and the club has told me that we can talk about my desire to move higher and work out an agreement," Wheatley added.

He started playing when he was seven with a local club, Wollongong.

From under-8 to under-16 levels he represented the Kuringai District and through his coach and teacher, John McDonald, he sampled senior soccer at third grade level.

Wheatley started up front, moved into midfield and then to full back.

I put it to him that if moved back, any more he would have to give the game away.

"Yes that's true," he said with a laugh, "but I found that the competition for places in midfield or up front was fierce so I looked for a position in which to establish myself and eventually I ended up at right back."

Wheatley has had little direct contact with Rudi Gutendorf but from what he has

seen he sums up our national team supremo in this way:

"Rudi is a very disciplined man with strong thoughts about how soccer should be played."

"If you are skilful and work hard enough he will reward you for your efforts so it is all in your own hands as to whether or not you make the youth team."

"The competition is fierce for full back spots because, apart from Brett Woods, Grant Lee has dropped back from midfield and also is vying for a full back position."

I asked Robert what he thought was his toughest opponent at any level.

"Well I would have to say David Mitchell from South Australia because he is so deceptive and lightning fast off the mark."

I must also mention Phil O'Connor of APFA who is fast and has fine close ball skills."

Robert is in the first year of a four-year physical education course which he finds fits in well with soccer.

New Robert has his sights on the winter tournament in Israel where the national youth team will play and of course next year's Coca-Cola world youth cup finals.

"The youth team is an important step in every player's career because it provides you with the recognition needed to put you in the public eye and in the eyes of PSL clubs," he said.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Vics win, Nick stars

Nick van Egmond Jr. was the star of the Victorian team that won the national under-14 championship.

Runner-up was NSW. Only results up to Friday were available at Press time. They are:

SATURDAY: NSW 2 SA 1, ACT 2 Qld 0, Vic 0, NSW 0, NSW 2 Tas 1.

SUNDAY: Vic 1 Qld 0, SA 0 NSW 2, NSW 2, ACT 1, WA 3 NT 1.

MONDAY: ACT 4 Tas 1, Vic 3 NSW 0, Qld 3 SA 2, NSW 0 NT 0.

TUESDAY: NSW 2 ACT 1, SA 5 Tas 0, Qld 2 WA 0, Vic 2 ACT 1.

WEDNESDAY: Vic 5 Tas 0, SA 3 NSW 0, Qld 3 NT 0, NSW 1 WA 0.

THURSDAY: NSW 0 Qld 0, NSW 1 WA 0.

Bebek powers Croatia



Sydney Croatia's under-12 A team, under the guidance of Ivica Hunjak, was able to reach the semi-finals in the Canterbury Soccer Association.

They won their semi 3-1, thanks to the captain, Ivica Hunjak.

Photo, from left: BACK ROW: Coach Ivica Hunjak, Peter Tekle, Zeljko Galic, Miroslav Jurcovic, Darinko Mihaljevic, Miro Vlasticala, Tony Wecimovic, Ilija Ivanis, manager. FRONT ROW: Miji Bebek, Ivica Vlasticala, Paul Bubic, Antun Ivanis, Tomislav Raguz.

Government backs down on air fares

The burden of increased air fares has been lifted temporarily from the Philips League and other sports organisations.

This follows a backing down by the Federal Government — at least for the time being — from its push to make concessional air fares available to the general public rather than only for sports and charity groups.

This push caused the airlines to cancel all concessional agreements for fear it may have to extend them to the point where it loses money.

But after talks with the airlines, the Minis-

ter for Transport Mr. Hunt, announced last week that sports and charity groups would get a 15 percent discount on domestic flights.

The 10 percent discount for other "common interest" groups of 15 or more people also would continue, he said.

But it is only a temporary agreement, dependent upon the outcome of the Holcroft inquiry into domestic air fares after the Federal elections. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Cullen could go, 'Ollie' is back to best

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Preston Makedonia may lose its tearaway forward Robert Cullen at the end of the season.

Cullen's wife has returned home to Scotland to complete studies and he will join her when Makedonia has completed its top-four matches.

He has told the club he wants to go home at least for Christmas. There is a chance he may come back but it is more likely he will decide to stay in Scotland.

That is the only bad news for Makedonia fans who are sitting on top of the world, preparing to celebrate their club's first State League championship, and possible inclusion in the Philips League.

The formal application for 1981 PSL membership has been made.

And the new Makedonia social club premises opposite its Connor Reserve ground in Reservoir are set to open this month.

According to club official Branko Trajanovski, recruit Peter Ollerton has had a lot to do with Makedonia's determination and improved goalkeeping in recent weeks.

"When we bought Ollerton from J.U.S.T., the other players improved their performances because they knew that there now was competition for places in the team," Trajanovski said.

"The one who improved the most is forward Gary Ward. Beforehand he stood around waiting for the ball. Now he's chasing all over the place."

And Ollerton himself has recaptured his goalkeeping ability of old. "There's no pressure on him to score, because we have other good scorers like Ward, George McMillan and Cullen," Trajanovski said.

"At J.U.S.T. when he was playing in attack, and at Helas, he was expected to score all the time."

"Now, when others around his share the responsibility, he is under less pressure. Therefore he's been able to score seven in six games."

"They take it in turns. Against Sunshine, Ward got four. Against Hakoah, Ollerton got all three. In between, McMillan and Cullen or some of the others will get the goals."

With the Rothmans Medal presentation due next month, it's time for speculation about the likely winner.

Cullen polled most votes last season but because he had been sent off during the season, he forfeited the medal to Croatia's Tommy Cumming.

Trajanovski expects mid-fielder Jeff Faulkner to poll most votes for Makedonia this year. "He's been our best player this year," Trajanovski said. "Claude Luchini on the left side also has been very good."

Makedonia has had a successful season financially, but it was a little better last year because its home game against Croatia was near the end of the season when things were tight at the top, instead of early in the year as was the case this time.

The social club should earn a few thousand dollars a week, providing working capital. However, initially it will be used to pay off the bank loan which was necessary to build the social club.

Makedonia was knocked out of the Dockerty Cup by Melbourne early in the year, so it will be inactive during the Cup finals, which are played before the start of the top-four series.

Trajanovski said the club would try to arrange practice matches during that time.

He expects, of course, that Makedonia will win the top four series as well as the championship.

One man who disagrees is Tommy Cumming, who's still fighting against a groin injury. "We'll beat them in the top four," Cumming said. "We haven't been playing as well as we are able to but we'll be at



Peter Ollerton



Robert Cullen

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Results in the 1980 European Nations Cup in Italy stamped West Germany and Belgium as the leaders of Europe. Indications are that these two nations will be at the forefront of Europe's challenge for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

No nation escaped the revolutionary fashion in which Belgium exploited the offside trap and West Germany introduced new and exciting talent to match its renowned discipline.

Here is a series of pen portraits on the players who claimed fame for West Germany and Belgium:

WEST GERMANY

HARALD SCHUMACHER: Goalkeeper Köln. 25 years — seven caps. Tony Woodcock's team-mate and a little fortunate to go to Italy at No. 1. Last summer's car crash forced the retirement of Sepp Maier, then Schalke's Norbert Nigbur needed a cartilage operation this spring. Schumacher, eight years with Köln, played the final with a badly sprained wrist — the result of an injury in training the previous evening and kept secret until after the final.

MANFRED KALTZ: Right-back. Hamburg 27 — 40. Probably the best attacking full-back in Europe, though John Robertson showed he isn't so brilliant in defence. Outstanding during Hamburg's Champions' Cup run, he scored twice in the 5-1 win over Real Madrid. Played in Argentina in the 1978 World Cup as sweeper, a role he didn't much like. It was at his own request that he wore the No. 20 in Italy — though it brought mixed results while he was playing, his home was being being.

KARL-HEINZ FORSTER: Stopper Stuttgart. 21 — 17. Younger of the two brothers in the squad. Karl was the first to break into the national team and appears a long-term fixture. A key figure in the Stuttgart revival, translated his domestic success to international level thanks to a brilliant game against Culemans in the final.

ULI STIELIKE: Sweeper. Read Madrid 25 — 14. Left Borussia M'gladbach for the 1977 Champions' Cup final and was told by Helmut Schoen that he would never play for West Germany while abroad.

So Stielike didn't bother having a release clause in his contract. After 1978, however, new boss Derwall altered policy — and then found problems getting Stielike released. Hard and skilful but also injury-prone. Has just signed a new three-year contract with Madrid where he plays mid-field. Acclaimed the best foreigner in Spain this past season. Gave away the penalty against Belgium, though his foul on Van der Elst appeared outside the box.

BERNARD DIETZ: Left-back. Captain of West Germany. MSV Duisburg. 32 — 45. Part-Breton's move to Spain in 1974 allowed Dietz to take over at left-back. Joined MSV from Bochum-Hovel.

Was rested from the game against Greece so as not to run the risk of a second booking.

HANS-PETER BRIEGEL: Midfield Kaiserslautern. 24 — 8. A promising decathlete as a teenager who has demonstrated versatility as a footballer by playing equally successfully in midfield and defence. Neat control and speed for a big man, he used these finals to establish himself as an international. Joined Kaiserslautern from Rodenbach in 1975. It was when injury forced him out of the final early in the second half that the Germans lost their grip.

BERND CULLMANN: Midfield or sweeper. Köln. 30 — 40. Appeared as substitute for Briegel in the final after being dropped following the first game against Czechoslovakia, when he was caught out seven times as a sweeper. But Derwall's first-choice sweeper for 18 months, though he plays midfield for Köln.

HANSI MULLER: Midfield. Stuttgart. 22 — 21. Played briefly in the 1978 World Cup Finals, but was too inexperienced for his own good. Now the rising star of the Bundesliga and a controversial one. A row with his coach at Stuttgart saw him dropped from the national team this spring, then recalled because of injury to score the only goal in the win against Austria.

Has signed a new contract with Stuttgart but the Italians are still dreaming... Muller, in fact, has an Italian mother.

BERND SCHUSTER: Midfield, Köln 20 — 9. The revelation of the finals. Can play in midfield or as a sweeper and was once praised as a boy who combines a touch of Bechenbauer, Overath and Schnellinger. In fact, played only twice in the finals, against Holland and Belgium and started each time.

KARL-HEINZ RUMME-NIGGE: Right-side striker. Bayern Munich. 24 — 35. Joined Bayern in 1974, but after an early run lost form and wasn't even a substitute for the 1975 Champions' Cup win over Leeds. Improved by leaps and bounds under Derwall, but was surprisingly shackled to a midfield role during the 1978 World Cup finals. Was the league's top

scorer with 26 goals this past season to life Bayern to the title. Another striker who never quite lived up to his reputation in Italy.

HORST HRUBESCH: Centre-forward Hamburg. 29 — 5. Called up only after Klaus Fischer's leg fracture this spring. Scored 20 goals in the league and led Hamburg to the Champions' Cup Final. But his ankle injury the previous weekend proved costly. He played only a hobbling second half against Madrid and had to wait for the final in Italy for his two-goal moments of glory.

KLAUS ALLOFFS: Striker. Fortuna Düsseldorf. 23 — 14. Lively attacking player, happier hanging back than playing as target man. Was the league's top scorer with 22 goals in 1979 and played avital role in Fortuna's Cup-winners' Cup run as well as helping them win the Cup this past season.



Manfred Kaltz

Belgium's last warm-up... and his ability in the air. First class against England, and brilliant against Italy and West Germany.

ERIC GERETS: Right-back. Standard Liege. 26 — 27. Former centre-forward who switched to defence six years ago. Signed in 1973 for Standard from a local club in Limbourg — Standard's favourite scouting area. Rated one of the two best full-backs in Europe by Enzo Bearzot.

LUC MILLECAMPS: Centre-back, Waregem. 29 — 13. Elder of two brothers both in the Belgian squad. Waregem has been his only senior club. Worked the offside trap with extreme efficiency in Italy.

WALTER MEEUWS: Centre-back, Bruges. 29 — 13. Was recalled to the national team at the start of the season after a lengthy absence and despite being uncertain of his

national Rene van der Kerck, attracted by the lira of AS Roma, and have failed to sign Dick Nanninga, the scorer of Holland's only goal in the 1978 World Cup Final. Nanninga, now with Roda JC Kerkrade, was priced at 130,000 pounds but in the eyes of PSV that was too much for a player of 32.

The third 'big Dutch club', Cup winner Feyenoord Rotterdam, also lost another player to foreign shores. International defender Michel van der Korput has gone to play in Italy but Feyenoord have bought Luuk Balkestein in a one-time international with Sparta Rotterdam.

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first-team place with his club — who have, since, with him as much in midfield as defence, won the championship. Displayed great organisational talent and no little skill in the finals as well as setting up a wonderful goal for Gerets against Spain.

MICHEL RENQUIN: Left-back. Standard Liege. 25 — 24. One of the most successful products of the Standard youth programme. Can play left-back or stopper and improved steadily in Italy to play his best game in the final itself.

RENE VAN DER EYCKEN: Midfield. Bruges. 27 — 25. Made his reputation as a free-scoring midfielder in Bruges' 1976 UEFA Cup run and 1978 Champions' Cup progress. Hasn't developed as well as had been hoped, but worked valiantly through the finals and, of course, converted the penalty in the final.

WILFRIED VAN MOER: Midfield. Beringen. 35 — 4. Won his first cap almost 15 years ago, while with Standard Liege. Played in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico but in the next European Championship suffered against Italy the broken leg which almost ended his career. Recalled in a successful gamble by Iys last autumn to run the midfield.

JULIEN COOLS: Midfield. Captain of Belgium. Beerschot. 33 — 35. Was Bruges' best player in the 1978 Champions' Cup Final against Liverpool, but two years later was virtually given away to Beerschot. Scored the winner against Spain to underline his new lease of life.

RAYMOND MOMMENS: Midfield. Lokeren. 25 — 5. Hand played only once in a dead World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland more than two years ago, before being called into the squad late by Iys. Rewarded his manager with his well-disciplined football both when called on as substitute (twice and twice from the start).

Wilfried Van Moer

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DUTCH SOCCER WANES

Holland, beaten finalist in the last two World Cup Finals, failed dismally in the 1980 European Nations Cup but faces a more important loss as attendances at Dutch football continue to drop.

Coupled with the loss of international stars to overseas teams Dutch football faces a reversal of the trend evidenced in the late sixties and early seventies, when Dutch clubs soared to prominence in European club competitions as a prelude to Holland's success at national team level.

Every year, on average, less people are coming to watch Dutch League matches. In the 1975-76 season a total of 3,297,000 supporters watched football in the Dutch League grounds which works out at an average of 10,775 per match.

However, last season, a total of 2,988,000 watched League football, an average of 9,765 per match. These figures are also not proportionate. Feyenoord's good average gate (26,353 in a 63,000 capacity stadium) PSV Eindhoven (with 20,294 in a 29,000 capacity stadium) influenced the overall total.

Other teams such as NEC Nijmegen (6,176), FC Den Haag (6,086), Sparta Rotterdam (6,000), Excelsior Rotterdam (5,588) and the relegated Haarlem (5,294) attracted very poor gates.

For the forthcoming season, Ajax has made the most change in the side. The

Dutch striker Piet Hamberg, previously with Servette Geneva in Switzerland, has replaced Moluccan born Simon Tahamata, who has joined Standard Luik of Belgium.

Dutch international record holder with 74 caps, Rudi Krol, now with Vancouver Whitecaps, has been replaced by Danish international Steen Ziegler.

Ziegler played for some years in Holland with Roda JC Kerkrade, but left last year after failing to agree to terms.

The unimpressive performances of international goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers has led to Ajax buying a new goalkeeper, Hans Galje of

FC Den Haag for 130,000 pounds.

PSV Eindhoven have also lost their goalkeeper, Jan van Beveren, to Fort Lauderdale Strikers and bought 37-year-old Pim Doersburg as a replacement.

Doesburg, the Dutch national reserve goalkeeper, played in Eindhoven some 13 years ago. However, his club Sparta sold him because they believed their youth-team goalkeeper van Beveren was better. Two years later in 1970, Doesburg returned to Sparta, because PSV preferred Van Beveren, and again he is taking the place of one of Holland's best ever goalkeepers.

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• Doveton was formed as a junior club in 1966. In 1970 the senior club was formed by founder members including Dave Myatt, John Smith, John Watson, Bill Young and Roger Hamill. In 1970 and 71 the Doves played in the Victorian District League and in 1972 they joined the Provisional League. In 1973 Doveton successfully applied for membership of Metro Division Four. The club's honours list includes: runner-up Fourth Division 1973, runner-up Third Division 1975, league champion Second Division 1977. This season sees the Doves set to gain promotion into the Victorian State League. Doveton plans to consolidate its State League status before going for the championship in Victoria's premier competition.

STANDING: Dan McIlmnee (coach); Neil Collier (from Croatia Whiyalla 1980); Enlie Morrick (from Frankston 1979); Peter Thudlow (from Juniors); Lou Ivanoff (from Mooroolbark 1978); Paul Corke (from Box Hill 1980); Mark Walters (from Industrial League 1980); Brian Kay (club manager); John McFarlane (president).
FRONT: Alan Quinn (from Dandenong City 1980); John McDonald (from Lyndale Juniors 1979); Arthur Cherry (from Springvale 1980); Alex McConville (capt., from George Cross 1979); Hugh Campbell (from Springvale 1980); Gordon Bentley (from Albion Rovers 1978); Steve Irvine (from Scotland, 1977). Picture by LES SHORROCK

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

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SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 332 5614 — 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

SPONSORS: United Brokers

This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at
Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: W. Wallace

GROUND: Lambert Park
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

Promotion

Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at
Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim,
black, red white trim
black red white

This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v **MARCONI-FAIRFIELD** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: George Potter

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: STOCK 84 BRANDY

This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN CITY** at
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo — (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,
07 (phone) 372 2989

Colours Orange and Blue

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT** at
Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

HONORARY SECRETARY Nick Sagiakos
(Home) 528 6196
(Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City ACT 2601.

PRESIDENT: Theo Moulis (W) 48 8448 Office: (062) 488 215

COACH: J. Brown

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at
National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordaes (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 6, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY-MANAGER:

O. Norris ph. (day) 792 9348, (after 5 pm) 459 4652.

COACHES: Len McKendry

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642. COLOURS: Black & Gold

This week's match: v **ST GEORGE** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY CITY "THE SLICKERS"

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344A.H.525 7734

COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: Sydney Athletic Field

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,
Red Socks

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at
National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ille

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at
Western Oval (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

COACH: Billy Birch

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.,

COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

SPONSOR: Dominion Finance.

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at
Western Oval (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

